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Vote For Messier Ends Town Manager Debate

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

It took three meetings and nine ballots, as well as two different sets of nominees.

But when the final vote was cast and counted, and the political smoke had cleared, Data Processing Director Frederick Messier was named temporary town manager until the new Mayor takes office on Wednesday, May 3rd.

In a continuation of a regular council session on Tuesday, February 21st that failed to name a temporary town manager, Town Council voted 6-4 to give Messier the job on Wednesday, February 22nd.

Messier edged-out John P. Stone, superintendent of Public Works. Stone for the second straight night failed to muster the necessary six-vote majority for the temporary run of the town.

Stone had been nominated along with retired businessman Daniel Sullivan in what turned out to be a 5-4 stalemate (in Sullivan's favor) with Councilor John Negrucci absent and Councilor Christopher Johnson abstaining (after eight ballots to give either Sullivan or Stone the necessary six votes).

On Wednesday night and with Negrucci still absent, the final tally was swayed by Johnson, who sided with

Councilors Edward Borgatti, Philip DeForge, Paul Fieldstad, David Skolnick, and Council President Donald M. Rheault, in Messier's favor.

Voting for Stone were Councilors Jessie Fuller, Benjamin Lockhart, Edward Caba, and Frederick Nardi.

Wednesday's meeting included some lively and heated debate. A prolonged recitation by Caba of Stone's credentials and qualifications for the job ignited a shouting match.

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Agawam Dollhouse Enthusiasts To Be Featured At Home Show



MARIAN & SKIP MALLETTE, owners and operators of Country Dollhouse, O'Brien's Corner, Agawam, will feature their Victorian-era Dollhouse at the upcoming Annual Western Mass. Home Show, March 14th-19th, at the Better Living Center on the Big E grounds, West Springfield. SEE RELATED STORY & PICTURES in "Spotlight On Business Section."



Editorial

Guest Editorial...

Caba Says Town Charter Circumvented When Appointing Temporary Town Manager

by Edward A. Caba
Agawam Town Councilor

In the past I have refrained from expressing my opinions in this manner. The events of the past two weeks have upset so many people I felt it was my duty to inform the citizens of the actions of certain members of the Town Council.

The blatant disregard for the Charter, the council rules, and Robert's Rules by Council President Donald Rheault and his disciples has once again placed Agawam in the headlines.

The use of agenda numbers from a past meeting to circumvent the Charter and ramrod the appointment of Rudy Altobelli as Town Manager was the opening shot.

This backfired when it became apparent there was a lack of communication between the appointee and his backers and he refused the position some 12 hours later.

Councilor Rheault, in his attempt to disguise this error, immediately blamed the "Supporters of Reid Charles." During the same meeting a charter objection was raised. This is an option guaranteed by the charter to postpone the action of the council. Mr. Rheault, again acting as a dictator, chose to disregard the charter and over-ruled the charter objection.

The Charter is to Agawam what the Constitution is to the United States. The Charter was written by the

representatives of the voters and was ratified by the voters. Mr. Rheault has taken it upon himself to overrule the voters of Agawam.

The following meeting again followed Rheault's Rules in place of council rules and the Charter.

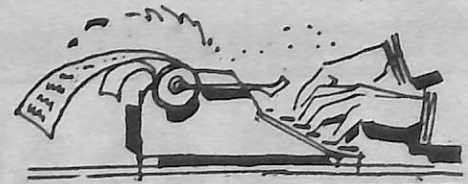
A motion to take nominations was made, two candidates were placed in nomination and nominations were closed. After numerous unsuccessful ballots, Mr. DeForge's candidate was withdrawn, leaving one candidate.

Due to the late hour, and with no decision in sight, the meeting was recessed to the following evening. During the next phase of the meeting, an improper motion was allowed by Mr. Rheault. This allowed his candidate's name to be placed in nomination. Again, the procedure was questioned and Mr. Rheault, in a very imperial manner, stated, "If you don't like it, challenge their chair." He said this knowing full well that his disciples stood ready to support his decision.

Mr. Rheault has thumbed his nose at the voters of Agawam by deciding which parts of the charter he will obey and which parts he feels he can overrule.

Mr. Rheault and some of the other (Mayor candidate Anthony) Bonavita supporters should remember that they have been placed in their positions by the voters and are not there by divine right.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Local Families Thank Fire, Police, EMT

To The Editor:

We would like to give a special thank you to James Cousineau of South Street, Agawam, for helping Richard Stepanik Jr. in getting the injured men out of the burning car on January 20th.

Our thanks also go to the Agawam Fire Department and Police Department, and the West Springfield Police Ambulance.

The Families of
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The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, March 9, 1989, at 7:30 PM, in the Town Clerk's Conference Room, Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA. This hearing, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, called to act upon the petition of the Mawaga Sporting Club to perform work subject to the ACT on Adams Street, Agawam, MA.

Henry Kozloski, Chairman

AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, March 9th, 1989 at 7:15 PM, in the Agawam Town Clerk's Conference Room, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability for Roy Benjamin for property located on Barry Street.

Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman

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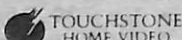
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MESSIER - From Page 1...

Caba's long dialogue was charged with being a stop-gap measure intended to delay the vote because Skolnick was scheduled to leave the meeting, possibly prior to the final vote. Skolnick had not supported Stone on any of the eight ballots Tuesday night.

But 20 minutes into the meeting, the vote was taken despite a shouting match that included Lockhart and Caba verbally lashing-out at Rheault.

Messier replaces Linda Mundo as the town's chief executive. Mrs. Mundo held the post when former Town Manager Reid S. Charles was suspended on September 6th. Charles resigned on September 30th. Mrs. Mundo resigned for family reasons and returned to her previous post as executive secretary to the town manager.

For the next nine weeks Messier will wear two hats. He will continue to run the Data Processing Department and hold the reins of town government in his hands through what is expected to be a tough budget preparation period.

Since assuming his additional responsibilities, Messier told us, "Many council members and other people in Town Hall have been extremely helpful."

He added, "I've been very busy. The budget process, which has been ongoing, is more complex and detailed than I realized and I am taking time to review each budget of each department, line by line. I've set-up a support committee that includes Mrs. Mundo."

Messier has asked for statements of income revenue from all sources, including state local aid reimbursements, excise tax receipts, and other incoming funds, to evaluate the town's financial picture.

"We're taking one step at a time," Messier said, noting that the School Department budget has been prepared and is near completion.

At presstime, Messier said the only Town Hall budget to be finalized is the DPW, one of the more complex budgets in this annual process.

Messier is also meeting with each department head individually, and told us he has a handle on just how much work needs to be done to keep the town rolling smoothly towards May 3rd when the first Mayor takes office, including the fiscal 1990 budget.

Attached to a beeper, Messier spends better than 12 hours per day shuttling between the Data Processing Office at Agawam High School and the Town Hall.



TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT DONALD M. RHEAULT (standing) listens to dialogue at last Wednesday night's council meeting. At left is Town Solicitor Thomas Locke and at right is council Vice-President Philip DeForge. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TOWN COUNCILORS FREDERICK NARDI (left) and BENJAMIN LOCKHART await vote to be taken for the temporary town manager last Wednesday night. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TEMPORARY TOWN MANAGER Frederick Messier (left) is sworn-in by Town Clerk Richard Theroux last Wednesday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TOWN COUNCILOR EDWARD A. CABA was visibly irate at last Wednesday night's council meeting. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please call Jack Devine at his Agawam home, 789-0053.



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THE SIGN before the front entrance of Perry Lane Park welcomes the public to use the facilities. With the nice weather coming soon, many townspeople will utilize the area, which includes a pool, tennis courts (which badly need refurbishing), a pavilion, and playground equipment. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE BUILDING on the Perry Lane Park property was a definite community eyesore...



...BUT IT WAS DEMOLISHED last week. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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New Equipment Hailed By Messier; Says Computer Will Benefit

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

The additions to Agawam's data processing equipment are going to be even better than Data Processing Director/Temporary Town Manager Frederick Messier expected.

Messier's request for \$36,000 for additional equipment and software, designed to resolve specific problems within the existing system, was requested based on specifications for items that have already been technologically put on the shelf.

Town Council approved Messier's request without too much flak.

And before the panic button is pushed, Messier is delighted to report that the new materials will double the capacity he had opted for. This will bring the proposed system from a 300 megabyte backup to 600 megabytes, said Messier.

The good news he said is that he won't have to appear before the council for more money.

"The technology has already changed," Messier said Tuesday. "The equipment that comes out of this latest technology really excites me. It will allow us to have unattended back-up. No one has to be there at 11:00 at night to make sure it's still running. It's all on laser disc," added Messier, admitting he hadn't even heard of this system.

MASBO, the cooperative the town has dealt with for several years, is "giving us the equipment at cost," explained Messier, adding that the town's original computer needs were under-assessed. He said this created a degradation problem in the town's financial offices.

In particular, said Messier, collection procedures in the Town Treasurer's Office were very seriously affected due to this. This caused delays in processing bills and retrieving information.

Messier said these delays also triggered thousands of dollars in overtime pay for employees who had to wade through the huge paperwork problem.

Messier is expecting to have the specifications in any day, and is anticipating putting the system to the bidding process. He said the bids should come in under the allocated \$36,000.

DPW's Snow Budget Still In Great Shape

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

The weather outside hasn't been frightful - and it hasn't been delightful either, unless you're managing a public works budget this year.

For John P. Stone, superintendent of Agawam's DPW, the virtually snowless winter of 1988-89 means the town could end-up with some \$60,000 left in the snow budget by winter's end.

To date, the DPW has expended some \$30,000 in plowing. Sanding and salting for the several light storms that have aggravated commuters and iced roads have kept the DPW busy - but only one day at a time.

While March traditionally roars in like a lion, Wednesday, March 1st (presstime), tumbled in like a lion cub.

Of course, there's nothing to say we won't get buried yet. National weather forecasters have been tracking storm after storm to our north and south. The wayward jet stream just doesn't want anything to do with Western Mass. this year.

Stone doesn't mind at all.

"You just never know what is going to happen. We could get that one huge storm in March or even early April that could press our budget," said Stone. "But we seem to be over the hump at this point. There isn't much time for the cold to hang around any more."

The threat of a major snowfall last Friday had locals waiting and watching skyward. But the storm turned east and out to sea. By late Friday afternoon, it was apparent the "big one" talked-up by several overzealous radio disc jockeys had fallen by the wayside - again.

For those private truckers and small businesses who depend on winter plowing jobs to balance their books, it's been a hard year.

Plows are a recyclable item - good from year to year at virtually no overhead other than a good coat of silicone point and a tune-up before the season starts.

Sand and salt are not renewable - just an out-and-out expense. The money is in snow. And no snow means no money for these businesses.

IRS Gives Agawam Locale For Electronic Filing Service

As of February 17th, more than 4,000 Massachusetts taxpayers filed their 1988 income tax returns electronically. Peggy Riley, Electronic Filing Coordinator of the Boston District Internal Revenue Service said that nationwide more than 334,000 taxpayers have used this new system, up three times the number filed at the same time last year.

Electronic filing is offered in 36 states as an optional way to file refund returns. Taxpayers who file electronically can expect to receive their refunds up to

three weeks sooner than paper returns.

Riley said that electronic filing will be offered throughout the country for the next filing season.

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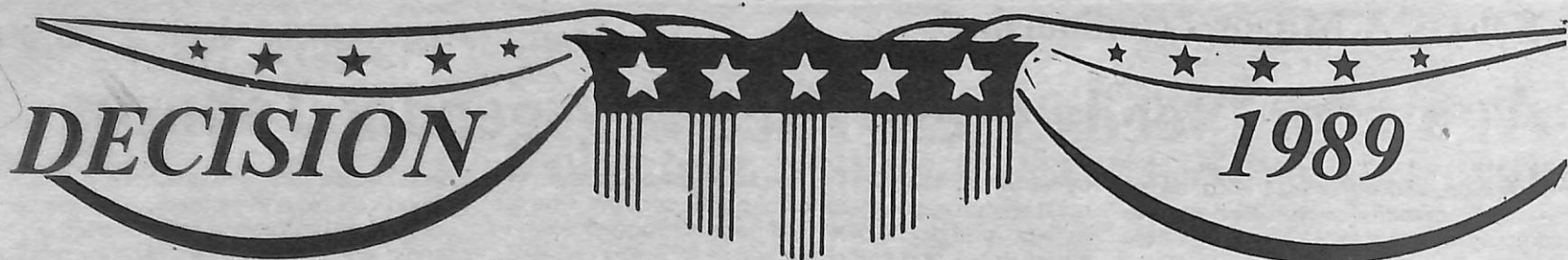
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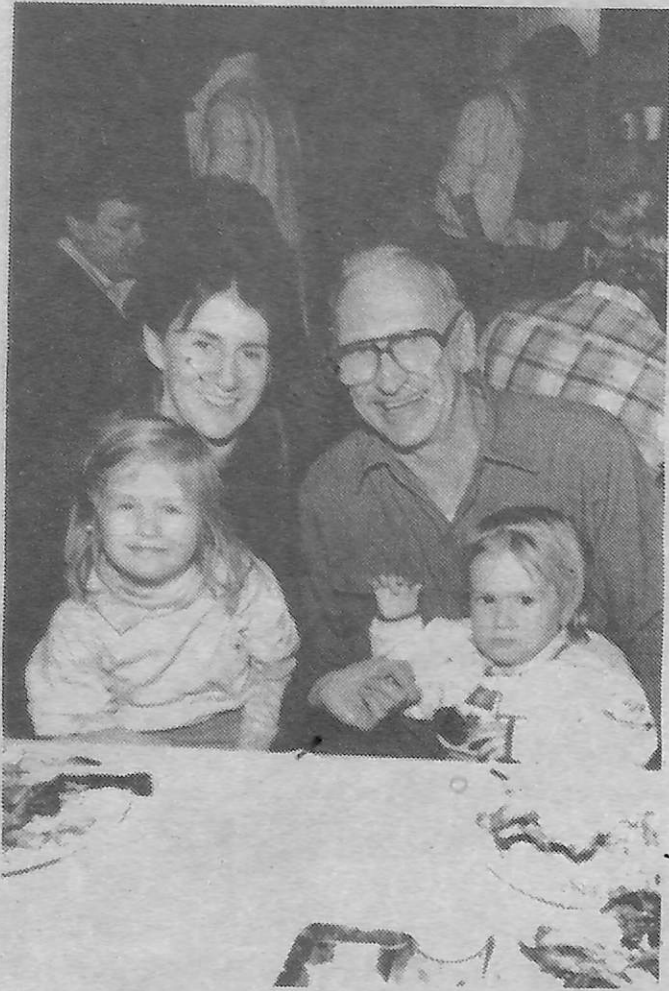
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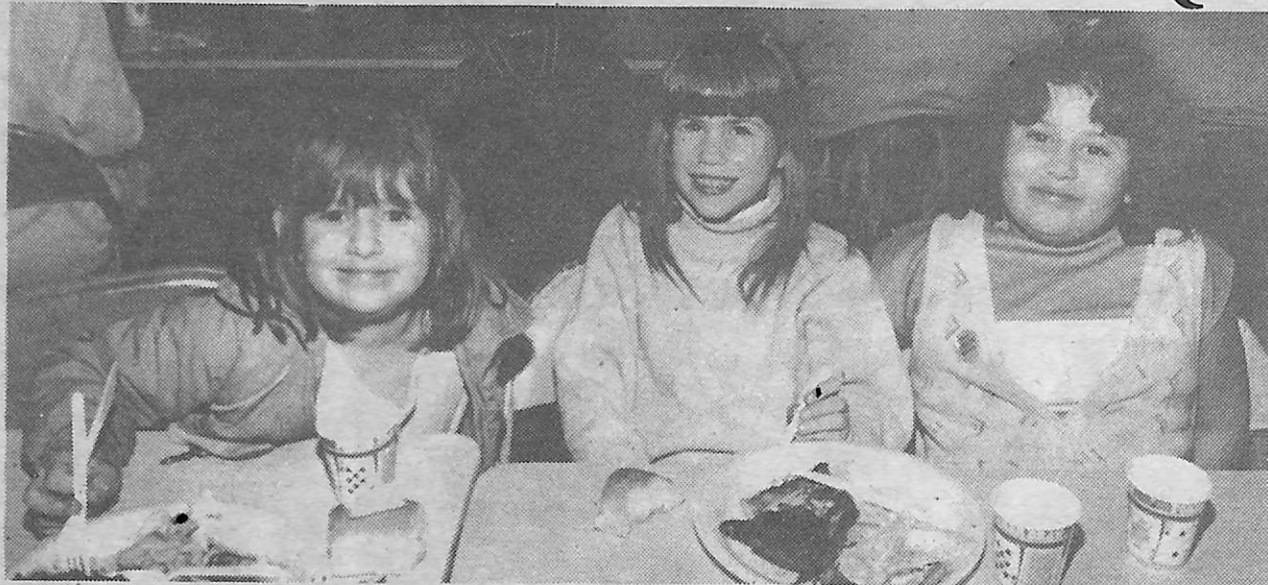
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Agawam Selects A Mayor Nardi Committee Says 1,400 Dinners Served At BBQ



THE SPEAR FAMILY attended Fred Nardi's chicken dinner - (Back) William O. Spear and Sheila Spear; (front) children Julia, 4½, and Jamie, 18 months. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM YOUNGSTERS Debra Boissonneault, Christine Campbell, and Melissa Boissonneault enjoy their chicken dinners at Fred Nardi's Chicken BBQ last Thursday night. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Nardi Elated Over Huge Turnout

Judging by the crowd, the place to be last Thursday night was the Fred Nardi Chicken Barbecue.

The event, which was held at the Polish American Club, was a complete success, according to campaign manager Mike Martin.

The barbecue pits were fired-up all day preparing the 1,427 dinners for the Nardi supporters.

Fred Nardi was on hand to personally greet all who came. He was deeply moved and gratified by the response.

"I was happy to see so many of my old friends as well as meeting many new ones. It was a fantastic night," Nardi was heard saying.

Nardi addressed the overflow crowd at various times during the dinner thanking them for their support. A large raffle was held with continual drawings which result in some nice prizes for lucky Nardi supporters.

The Nardi campaign staff provided the labor for the chicken dinner. The staff started the day at 11:00 a.m. and cooked and served until well after 7:30 p.m.

When the last chicken was served and the last pot was washed, Nardi expressed his gratitude to a tired but happy crew.

Rumor has it that if the campaign is successful in May, the barbecue may become an annual event.



DR. ALBERT ROMANO (right) of Agawam offers his endorsement to Mayoral candidate Fred Nardi at Nardi's Chicken BBQ last Thursday night. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



NARDI SUPPORTERS hard at work in the kitchen for his Chicken BBQ last Thursday - Ernestine Book and Eva Nascembeni. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Selects A Mayor - continued...

Agawam Needs New Face & Agenda: Johnson

"One of my campaign workers wrote the following excerpt which I feel beautifully summarizes the essence of my campaign," today said Mayor candidate Christopher Johnson.

"Chris Johnson is part of the new breeze blowing across our cities and towns. He is interested first and foremost in the progress and continued vitalization of all areas of our town. He is dedicated to principles of integrity and truthfulness. He represents the sprig of new life for coming generations, as well as a continuing stalwart for our older citizens. He has made a clear commitment to the people of Agawam.

"As athletes train for their participation in events, Chris has trained for public office. He has paid his dues, run the course, walked the streets, rung the doorbells, and talked with the people.

"Our country, as a whole, is well aware that new faces and ideas are needed in government; youth must

be let in the door. This is true in Agawam as well. We must elect a new generation of public servants who are thinkers and doers, or we will become bogged down in bureaucracy and petty politics.

"Our first Mayor will need patience, vitality, dedication, tolerance, physical stamina, an open mind, but most of all, the will and vision to accept that which works, discard that which does not, and propose and implement a new agenda that will benefit the Town of Agawam and its people.

"If you want to march to a new and different drummer, come join my parade. We are ready for a new kind of management, one of promise and performance, one of vision and vitality, one that is not a repeat of the same tired old ideas, and especially one that does not feature the same voices raised to say the same old cliches.

"In November, you asked for constructive new conclusions.

cepts, leadership, and guidance. The days and months ahead call for energy, dedication, and knowledge. We can never discount the contributions of those who have served our town in years gone by, and we would not wish to do so, but a Mayor form of government needs a new fresher ideology that represents a departure from worn out methods.

"We need to concentrate on new ideas and upgrade our schools. We must carefully plan industrial growth with environmental oversight to protect us and our land. Our budget must be closely supervised in order to avoid new taxes wherever possible.

"Agawam needs an open and caring government at the Mayor's office, so that we, the citizens, all of us, may enjoy the fruits of our endeavors. I believe Chris Johnson represents the positive change that Agawam so desperately needs and wants," the Johnson release concluded.

Johnson Campaign Holds Macaroni Dinner



MAYORAL CANDIDATE CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON welcomes Robin and Becki Niemiec to his macaroni dinner last Sunday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MAYORAL CANDIDATE CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON (left) and Campaign Manager Patrick Nolan (right) welcome Mike & Phyllis Kamyk to last Sunday's macaroni dinner at the Polish Club. The Kamyks are holding Caitlin Niemiec, age seven weeks. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JOHNSON COMMITTEE MEMBERS Andrew Campbell (back-left) and Ron Bennett (right) greet Tille & Charles F. Lombardi at Mayoral candidate Christopher Johnson's (standing-center) macaroni dinner last Sunday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CHRIS QUATRONE and LISA JOHNSON helped in the kitchen at last Sunday's macaroni dinner for Mayoral candidate Christopher Johnson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Selects A Mayor - continued...



DOOR-KNOCKING throughout the community has been a trademark of the Mayoral Campaign of Robert DeForge (above). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Mayor's Citizen's Hot-Line To Be Staffed By Volunteer Senior Citizens, Says DeForge

Mayoral candidate Robert DeForge will seek senior citizen volunteers to operate his "Citizen's Hot-Line."

"I have received overwhelming approval of my proposal to install in the Mayor's office a telephone hot-line for citizen complaints."

"Through this hot-line, anyone can avoid the red tape and bureaucracy and speak directly to the Mayor's Office about a problem with a damaged sidewalk, leaf pick-up, or potholes."

"An idea was suggested to me, which I completely endorse, that senior citizen volunteers assist in the Mayor's Office with the citizen hot-line system. Clearly this would result in the improvement of the people's

government services with no costs passed on to you the taxpayers."

"Just as important, it will reinvolve some of our talented and capable senior citizens directly in a project designed to open up the Mayor's Office and improve the quality and effectiveness of the Town Departments."

"While working as a volunteer with our senior citizens, I have had a first look at the pride they take in Agawam and concern for the well-being of the town and its people. The involvement of the senior citizen volunteer with the Mayor's hot-line makes a good idea better," concluded DeForge.

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AGAWAM SELECTS A MAYOR - continued...

Public Trust, Pride In Agawam, Ethics Pushed By Candidate Bonavita

Anthony C. Bonavita, candidate for the first mayor of Agawam, today declared that Agawam's government is "at the crossroads of its future concerning public trust. The voters are upset with the reputation of our town's government."

Further, he added, "I believe the people of Agawam deserve new leadership for our new mayor form of government. The public trust in our government must be regained. I can provide new leadership also with experience to regain the public trust and restore the pride in Agawam."

He stated, "For the first time since the adoption of the Charter in 1971, the voters will have in a municipal election only one vote for one candidate to cast. The consequences of this one vote are astronomical as the first mayor will be in office for two-and-one-half years and will have a great impact on the future of our town."

"The choice must be based on who is qualified, experienced, ethical, and independent so as to lead Agawam, not based on old friendships, favors, threats, or campaign gimmicks."

"The truth is, Agawam is **not** a business. I believe the goal of government is to serve people with compassion, ethics, and integrity in a people's democracy. If a program is helping people but is not cost efficient, in business it's cut out. But in government, our leaders must find a way to fund and make such a program work."

"The bottom line is people, not cold dollars and cents or profit. I look at the terrible results of 18 years of so-called business-type professional managers. These managers and some councilors, over a period of years, have contributed to the destruction of public trust in our government. But we cannot lose sight of the true purpose of public service which is to help people," noted Bonavita.

In conclusion, Bonavita said, "The public trust can only be restored if the mayor is an ethical person who can respectfully represent the people and work with other public officials. I am such a person and I ask the voters to join with me to make a 'better Agawam' a reality."

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, on Thursday, March 16, 1989 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of Worthington Associates, Inc. who are seeking relief from Sections 20-27 (f) and 20-27 (h) to allow the construction of a single apartment building comprised of 36 units which is in excess of the maximum allowed by ordinance. The petitioner also seeks use of the basement area of the proposed building for living quarters. The proposed building is to be located on a 4.6 acre parcel identified as 1-7 Walnut Street.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald E. LaRiviere, Chairman

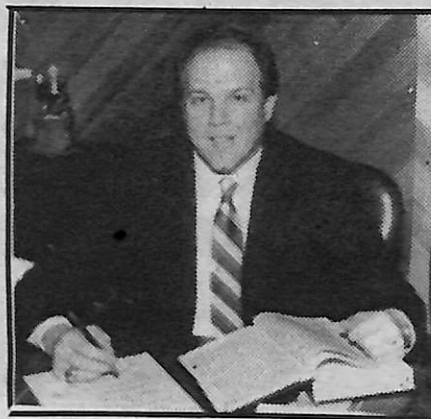
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MAYORAL CANDIDATE ANTHONY C. BONAVIDA (center) goes through the voting list with campaign officers William T. Walsh, Jr. (left) and Robert Danie. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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MAYORAL CANDIDATE COLLEEN DUPEE

Candidate Dupee Upset At Mass. Citizens For Life Form

Colleen (Meissner) Dupee, a candidate for Agawam mayor, today lashed-out at a questionnaire from the Mass. Citizens For Life.

"On Monday, February 27th, I received a demand, from the Massachusetts Citizens For Life, to fill-out their questionnaire on my position on abortion. I use the word demand as a euphemism for what I consider to be political blackmail.

"In the second to last paragraph, Robert D. Collins and Patricia Query, as signers of the letter, state: *No response will be treated as a pro-abortion position.*

"I find it highly presumptive of anyone to dictate to the public my personal or political beliefs. Therefore, in lieu of a direct response to the questionnaire, which format I find highly restrictive, I am publicly responding now.

"I do not believe that legalized abortion makes abortion an absolute certainty for all the unborn. As a woman and as a mother I find abortion to be a personal and sensitive subject. I am not in the habit of discussing something as intimate as this in a public forum.

"However, as a politician, I recognize the necessity to take a stance. My understanding of the Supreme Court decision was not that abortions can be legally performed throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy. I find that information shocking and therefore will have to study the Supreme Court ruling and resulting state laws and practices more carefully.

"However, as a local Mayoral candidate, not a state or national candidate, I must address other issues raised in the questionnaire of a more pertinent nature to the local scene.

"If a student, prudently, seeks preventative, precautionary measures against pregnancy or sexually transmitted diseases, the decision to engage in sexual activity has been made. I do not believe that eugenics (a science relating to improvement of hereditary qualities of a race or breed - Webster's) is the issue with which sexually active teens are concerned. Also, to my knowledge there are no school-based abortion clinics in operation.

"Any municipal employee that would be contacted concerning abortion, family planning, or adoption would have on display literature dealing with all options available and therefore, would not be instrumental in the decision-making process of the individual who is seeking a referral.

"Parental notification as to the scope of topics taught and discussed in the Agawam Public Schools is in place through course descriptions and conferences with teachers.

"The letter that accompanies the questionnaire refers to two polls that were taken, but gave no details of the poll questions, size of the sample taken, or the makeup of the population polled. The letter also accuses Governor Michael Dukakis of being pro-abortion - *Pro-Choice Does Not Equal Pro-Abortion!*

"The letter also states, *'With the recent taking on of the 'Webster' case from Missouri by the United States Supreme Court, it is unlikely that unrestricted abortion as we know it, will any longer exist after July of '89.'*" I agree! What happened to abortion only being legal before five months?

"Mr. Collins and Ms. Query also stated: *'No response will be treated as a pro-abortion position.'*

"This isn't even a veiled threat. I resent and object to blatant political blackmail of this nature. As you would find, if you took the time to get to know me, a simple request would have sufficed," concluded Ms. Dupee.

Agawam GOP Lists Monthly Agendas

The Agawam Republican Town Committee will hold its first monthly breakfast meeting of 1989 on Saturday, March 4th, at Oak Ridge Country Club, South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting will be devoted to Committee business, and a discussion of the upcoming Mayoral Primary on March 28th, 1989. A discussion will be held of all of the candidates, their position, and individual committee members' involvement in the Mayoral campaign.

The Committee meets on the first Saturday of each month at the Oak Ridge Country Club, at 8:30 a.m., for breakfast and a program. The program for the balance of 1989 is as follows:

APRIL: A review of the results of the Mayoral Primary and a review of the two remaining candidates. Committee involvement in the effort to increase voter participation for the Mayor election on May 2nd, 1989.

MAY: We will have as our guest either Representative Walter DeFilippi or House Minority Leader

Steven Pierce.

JUNE: We will have as our guest the president of the Massachusetts Young Republicans, and we will be inviting interested high school students also as our guests.

SEPTEMBER: The meeting will be devoted to a presentation on the upcoming State Republican Convention, and the selection of delegates to represent the Agawam Town Committee.

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER: The meeting will be devoted to the Town Council election, encouraging participation and evaluating candidates.

DECEMBER: We will have as our guest one of the candidates for the Republican nomination for Governor in 1990.

We encourage all registered Republicans and independent voters to attend the monthly meetings and to involve themselves actively in the political process.

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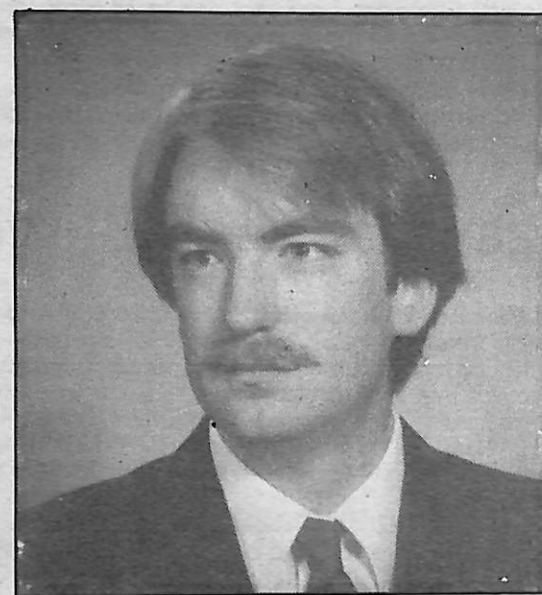


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Agawam Crime Prevention...

Crack Statistics by Officer Wayne Macey Crime Prevention Bureau

Crack Cocaine is currently the most deadly, potentially addictive drug on the street.

Although it continues to be the best advertisement against itself, both supply and demand continue to rise while price is on the decrease. In New York City the price of a jumbo crack vial in 1985 was \$40.

Today, the same vial sells for \$15. Through this past September the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration had seized 40,034 kilos of cocaine, 3,000 more than in all of 1987. Those involved with the sale and usage continue to fill our prisons at an alarming rate.

Forty-two state prison systems are currently operating above capacity, and for those lucky enough to remain out of jail, most cannot afford the cost of treatment centers.

The fact is there are fewer beds available in these centers than there are in the prisons. A study of emergency rooms last year reported 46,331 admissions linked to cocaine, a one year increase of 86 percent.

Law enforcement is also dealing with the added strain. As recently as June of 1985, New York police had not made a single crack arrest. During the first 10 months of 1988, they made 19,074. The overall increase has been felt throughout the entire country.

Last year agents made 352,612 busts, an annual increase of 24 percent. Last year one in 18 high school seniors admitted to trying crack; 14 percent said they had used cocaine in other forms. Dropouts who are more likely to become involved with drugs were not surveyed. Among young adults 6.7 percent have tried crack and 40 percent have tried cocaine.

Since 1984 Congress has spent \$16 billion in attempting to halt the supply of and demand for drugs. Columbian cartels are upping production and as a result prices have fallen. There is money to be made at all levels and the mountain of white powder gets higher and higher.

Cocaine seizures have risen drastically from 45 tons in 1986 to 71 tons in 1987. We would be foolish to believe that those seizures are anything more than the tip of the iceberg. Both U.S. customs and the D.E.A. have asked for more agents to help stem the tide. Costs for the increase in manpower needed would exceed \$25 billion.

To effectively attack the supply, side efforts would have to be concentrated on prosecuting major traffickers. Unfortunately, the U.S. government has failed to make the drug war a diplomatic priority with Mexico, Peru, and Brazil, the countries most implicated in the production and distribution of cocaine.

The Columbian courts have recently overturned their extradition treaty with the U.S. to further sabotage efforts geared toward prosecuting major traffickers. It would appear that our efforts at curbing supply are failing.

Simply stated, we are in the midst of a raging forest fire equipped only with shovels and garden hoses. If, as some would suggest, the war on drugs is not winnable, we should give it no less than our best effort. Prevention education may not be the only answer, but history will most certainly record it as the best.

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THERMOMETERS ARE placed at both Feeding Hills and Agawam Center to let the public know the progress of the Anne Sullivan Monument Fund Drive. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Anne Sullivan Drive Now Fully Underway

The Anne Sullivan Monument Fund Drive is now under way. The \$46,000 project will bring to Agawam its first outdoor work of art.

The sculpture - "Water" - work of world-renowned artist, Mico Kaufman, will be installed on the old Revolutionary War Parade Grounds (Granger School property).

Please make checks payable to Anne Sullivan Memorial, Inc., and send to Anne Sullivan Committee, P.O. Box 537, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030.

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Agawam Police Blotter For Last Week

On February 20th, **Geoffrey Wilson**, 26 Los Angeles Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle after suspension. Arresting officer was Ben Moore.

On February 22nd, **Derrick Deslauriers**, 60 Mallard Circle, Agawam, was arrested and charged with trespassing. Arresting officers were Keith Bopko and Mark Ceccarini.

On February 22nd, **Michael Jock**, 56 Debra Lane, Agawam, was arrested and charged with trespassing. Arresting officers were Keith Bopko and Mark Ceccarini.

On February 22nd, **Ossama M. Sagier**, 398 Elm Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding state police warrant. Arresting officers were Steven Draghetti and Karen Langevin.

On February 22nd, **Jennifer Sagier**, 398 Elm Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding state police warrant. Arresting officers were Steven Draghetti and Karen Langevin.

On February 23rd, **Perry Thompson**, 90 Royal Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with being a disorderly person. Arresting officers were Joe Edwards, Brian Connor, and Donald Gallerani.

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please contact Jack Devine at his Agawam home, 789-0053. If Jack is out, please leave a message on his answering machine.

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Agawam Obituaries

Harold A. Channell

Harold A. Channell, 93, of 19 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, farmer and World War I "Doughboy" died Thursday, February 23rd, in Baystate Medical Center-Springfield Hospital unit.

Born in Springfield, he had lived in Agawam over 80 years. At the age of five, his father purchased the old "Riley Farm" on River Road where he worked the farm and assisted his father in his trucking business all through his school years. They had the first five-ton truck in the area and hauled for the old Agawam Gin Mill which shipped 500 pounds of yeast to Boston five times a week. The yeast, in boxes packed in ice, was put on the 11:00 a.m. train to be delivered in two hours to a large bakery in Boston. Also local folks purchased the yeast which they peddled to outlying families for their baking needs.

He attended Old Chestnut Street School and the Grammar School, both in Agawam and later Bay Path Institute in Springfield, then located at Main and Fort Streets. He also delivered gas for Gulf Refining Company, and worked at Westinghouse in Chicopee Falls, while a student.

Drafted to serve in World War I, he was sent overseas in 1918 after his training at Ft. Devens, and was a member of the 76th Division, 301st Ammunition Train going first to England, then to Cherbourg and on to various small towns in Central France.

His outfit was on a 20-mile forced march to the front on combat rations when the war ended. He then became an acting sergeant attached to the Grand Army Garage in Paris until he returned home in August 1919.

After returning home from service, he worked for Smith & Wesson for a few years, Flint & Brickett, Springfield furniture dealers, and in 1938 for J.G. Roy Company, Construction Division and the Lumber Division until he retired in 1966. He was part of the construction crew who built the Memorial Tower at Mt. Greylock in Adams.

He was married to the late May Stolz from the early 1920's to 1960 when she died. Later in 1960 he crossed paths with his former childhood sweetheart Bertha Campbell. They married and lived on River Road until 1977; then moved to Meadowbrook Manor, and Bertha died November 11th, 1986.

He was a member of the Agawam Baptist Church. His motto of "keeping busy" was reflected in his active participation as a member of the Agawam Senior Center, American Legion Post 185, Veterans of Foreign Wars 1632, Agawam Golden Ages District 1, and the Agawam Senior Citizens Pool Club.

He leaves two brothers, Earl of Lake Wales, Florida, and Ralph Channell of Derian, Connecticut, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held at Colonial Funeral Home, Agawam, followed by burial in the Agawam Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, c/o Parker Building, 124 Watertown Street, Watertown, MA, 02172.

Bernard E. Jaques

Bernard E. Jaques, 80, of 350 Meadow Street, Agawam, a 20-year salesman for the former Senak Company of Springfield, died in Baystate Medical Center. He retired in 1975.

Born in Pepperell, he lived in Brattleboro, Vermont, most of his life before moving to Agawam in 1976. He was a life member of Elks Lodge 1499 in Brattleboro.

He leaves his wife, the former Phyllis M. Marchand; a son, Kenneth of Copperas Cove, Texas; two daughters, Jacqueline Zeiher of Falls Church, Virginia, and Sandra Mortimer of Ludlow; a brother, Raymond Jaques of Brattleboro; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Agawam Funeral Home, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery. An Elks ritual was conducted. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Disease Research at Ben Franklin Station, Box 7242, Washington, D.C., 20004-7242, or the Visiting Nurse Association, 600 Berkshire Avenue, Springfield, MA, 01151.

Mary A. McCann

Mary A. (Houlahan) McCann, 87, of Agawam died in a local nursing home.

Born in West Springfield, she lived in Agawam most of her life. She was a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in West Springfield. Her husband, Willard J. McCann, died in 1957.

She leaves a son, Robert W. of Agawam; a sister, Catherine Aldrich of Mississippi; a grandson, and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home of West Springfield and in the church, with burial in the parish cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Jimmy Fund, 44 Binney Street, Boston, MA, 02115.

Anthony F. Acosta

The funeral for Anthony F. Acosta, 22, of 44 Amherst Drive, Agawam, a corrections officer at the Hampden County House of Correction who died Wednesday night, February 22nd, at Baystate Medical Center after an accidental shooting, was Saturday, February 25th, at Tazzini Funeral Home, 22 Locust Street, Springfield.

Law enforcement units from across Massachusetts attended the rites. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated in Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills. Burial was in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield.

A contingent led by Sheriff Michael Ashe and his staff from the Hampden County Sheriffs' Department attended the funeral, along with 13 other sheriffs' departments from across the state and other law enforcement agencies.

Acosta had been a guard at the Hampden County House of Correction on Springfield's York Street since 1986. He was graduated in December from the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Academy after completing a six-week training program.

Born in New York City, he moved to Springfield in 1972 and then to Feeding Hills five years ago. He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, and a 1985 graduate of Classical High School. He was also a 1987 graduate of Springfield Technical Community College.

He leaves his parents, Claude & Anna (Langone) Acosta, with whom he lived, and many aunts and uncles.

Zenon J. Tetreault

Zenon J. Tetreault, 78, of 831 River Road, Agawam, the founder and owner of Zenon J. Tetreault Roofing, Siding and Home Improvement Company, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. He owned the company for more than 50 years.

Born in L'Ange Guardian, Quebec, Canada, he came to Springfield in 1926. He moved to Agawam 20 years ago. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He leaves his wife of 53 years, the former Rita M. LeClerc; two sons, Raymond Z. of Springfield and Roger F. of Brimfield; a daughter, Jacqueline St. Laurent of Wales; a sister, Desneiges Menuier of Springfield; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Edgar R. Giguere

Edgar R. Giguere, 67, of 38 Wilson Street, Agawam, a leader with Boy Scout Troop 21 at Emmanuel Church, Springfield, died in a local nursing home.

He was a former 12-year dietary worker for the Monson Developmental Center, and a member of the Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills. He retired in 1983.

He leaves his wife, the former Margaret E. Stanwell; two sons, Charles A. of Belton, Missouri, and James R. of Feeding Hills; a daughter, Judith A. Dubour of Springfield; a brother, Raymond J. of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; eight grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

The funeral was at Corridan Funeral Home of Chicopee and in Valley Community Church, with burial in Fairview Cemetery, Chicopee. Memorial contributions may be made to the Valley Community Church, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030, or the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA, 01104.

J. Gladys Corliss

J. Gladys Corliss, 92, of Main Street, Agawam, a retired employee of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, died in a local nursing home. She retired 32 years ago.

Born in Haverhill, New Hampshire, she lived in the Springfield area most of her life.

She leaves a sister-in-law, Melba H. Corliss of Longmeadow.

The funeral was private, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery, Springfield. Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home was in charge. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA, 01104.

Adele M. Karam

Adele M. (Grasben) Karam, 75, of 95 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, died in Noble Hospital, Westfield.

Born in Chicopee, she lived in Springfield most of her life before moving to Feeding Hills four years ago. Her husband, Peter Karam, died in 1982.

She leaves two sons, Gerald D. Myers of Feeding Hills and Theodore J. Myers of Waterford, Connecticut; a grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was private, with burial at the convenience of the family. Curran-Jones Agawam Funeral Home was in charge.



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Families

Cub Scouts Hold Father-Son Bakeoff & Talent Night

Cub Scout Pack 77 held their Annual Talent Show and Father-Son Bake-Off on Wednesday, February 22nd, in St. John the Evangelist Parish Center.

Each den presented a skit as part of a "Gong Show" theme, which was viewed by a panel of five judges and an appreciative audience.

Den 3 presented a musical version of "Three Blind Mice." Eric Belisle, Lucas Taylor, and Christopher Bitzas played the mice, while Christopher Bitzas took the part of the farmer.

Den 4 also displayed their musical talent as Joseph Kerr played "Mary Had A Little Lamb" on the violin, while Scott Guyer and Chad Abdow played keyboard selections. Scott Lanigan and Michael Raynor demonstrated karate techniques and Douglas Labonte did a lip sync to "Old Time Rock and Roll" which started the audience clapping.

Den 1 presented Justin Casinghino as the piano man, Theou Gontczaruk as host and announcer Eric Hebert as a Swedish chef, and Jason DeGray acting out a commercial to round out that den's talent.

Guest speakers for the evening were Gary Bilodeau and Joe Schmidl. Bilodeau discussed the need for a new boy scout master and outlined some of the projects done by boy scouts.

Schmidl showed a videotape of Cub Scout Day camp. Camp will be held this summer at Robinson State Park for four one-week periods.

Schmidl and Bilodeau also took on the job of judging all of the fabulous goodies baked by the scouts and their dads. All cakes were sold with proceeds to go toward future pack scout activities.

First prize winner for the Bake-Off was Eric Belisle; second place, Christopher Bitzas; third place, Eric Hebert (as well as their respective dads).

The scouts will continue with their busy schedule as they make plans for March 10th—Hockey Night, and March 17th—Swim Night.



MEMBERS OF CUB SCOUT PACK 77 held their Annual Talent Show and Father-Son Bake-Off at St. John's Church last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Michael & Donna Bartolucci Announce Birth Of Son

Michael & Donna (Roy) Bartolucci of West Springfield are proud parents of a son, Michael James Bartolucci, Jr., born January 12th.

Michael weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Delighted grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Michael Roy of Pleasant Drive, Feeding Hills, Mr. & Mrs. Russell Foley of West Springfield, and John Bartolucci of West Springfield.

Also at home is a proud sister, Krystle Marie, three years-old.

Theosophical Society To Host Astrology Program March 5th

The Theosophical Society in Springfield will host a program, Astrology: "The Cosmic Science," Sunday, March 5th, at the Captain Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam, at 2:00 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Elaine Kuzmeskus, a member of the American Federation of Astrologers, and director of Horiscopes Plus.

Basics of astrology will be explored as well as its history and future trends. Mini astrological readings will be given at the close of the program.

Donation is \$3.

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SUSAN J. LINDSAY

Susan J. Lindsay Engaged To Wed John E. Turrini

Mr. & Mrs. Donald W. Lindsay of 65 Thalia Drive, Feeding Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan J. Lindsay, to John E. Turrini of Southwick, son of Mr. & Mrs. Rino Turrini of 29 Williamsburg Drive, Longmeadow.

The bride-to-be received a bachelor's degree in business administration from North Adams State College, and will receive her master's degree in business administration with a concentration in Finance from Western New England College this spring. She is employed as a marketing assistant for BayBank Valley Trust Company.

Her fiancé attended West Springfield Schools, and is vice president of Jet Industries, Inc., Agawam. A 1990 wedding is planned.

Antiques & Collectible Show Set March 11-12

The Maven Company has announced that the Fourth Annual Conference Center Antiques & Collectibles Show will be conducted on Saturday and Sunday, March 11th and 12th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day, at The Conference Center located at I-91 and Center Street, Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

This show will have 79 booths with exhibitors coming from all over the Northeast displaying an infinite variety of antiques and collectibles. The Maven Company has attempted to present an eclectic show that will please the most discriminating collector.

The exhibitors will be offering American Indian collectibles, Americana, antique books, art glass, art pottery, children's collectibles, clocks, country collectibles, ephemera, estate linen and jewelry, furniture,

lamps, orientalia, political buttons and ephemera, post cards, primitives, quilts, radios, sheet music, textiles, toys, trade cards, trains, Victoriana, vintage clothing, wrist watches, and much more.

A special highlight of the show will be restoration of porcelains and china by Dudley. Booths will occupy the main ballroom, the swimming pool area, each of the meeting rooms, and the lobby area of the hotel. Discover, MasterCard, and Visa will be honored by participating dealers at the show.

Each hour of the show gift certificates redeemable in merchandise at any exhibitor's booth will be awarded. Parking is free and admission is only \$2.50. The Conference Center is easily reached via I-91 at exit 41.

Western Mass. Home Show To Open March 14

The "Original" Western Mass Home Show set to open at the Eastern States Exposition Grounds on Tuesday, March 14th, at 3:00 p.m., will have extended show hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, March 14th to 16th, from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Chairman of this year's show, Stanley F. Osowski, president of Colonial Mortgage Company, announced that the show hours had to be extended to accommodate the almost 100,000 patrons that are expected to attend. In addition, all aisles will be carpeted for patrons' comfort.

Once again, the largest home show in New England will be showcased at three sites on the Big E grounds—the Better Living Center, Young Building, and large outdoor exhibit area. At each of these three locations, visitors will see over 685 exhibits with the latest in innovative products and services which can turn their home, condo, or apartment into their very own "Dream Home." Building industry professionals

will offer advice and suggestions on new construction, renovations, or decorative touches to make your living space more "exciting." In addition, landscaping and lawn and garden specialists will be on hand to help you create an outdoor environment which could be the envy of the neighborhood.

The complete schedule of show hours is as follows: March 14th, 15th, 16th, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 3:00 to 10:00 p.m.; March 17th, Friday, 1:00 to 10:00 p.m.; March 18th, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; March 19th, Sunday, 12:00 noon to 7:30 p.m.

General admission to the show is \$5 for adults. Admission with discount tickets, available throughout the Western Massachusetts area before the show opens, is \$4. Children under 12 are admitted free of charge. Senior citizens may attend free of charge on Friday, March 17th, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact JoAnn Grimaldi, 733-8158.

PLEASE REMEMBER that our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. We need at least 48 hours notice for photos. Our office opens Monday - Friday at 6:30 a.m. If you need to reach us, please contact us at 786-7747.

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by Agawam Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

Smoke Kills—Stay Low & Go

You might know that smoke detectors are vital life-savers because they smell smoke that you might not smell and warn you to escape in time. You might even know that without a smoke detector, the deadly gases found in smoke kill sleeping victims before they can wake up. But the Agawam Fire Department wants you to know more about smoke.

If you ever find yourself in a burning building, get down close to the floor and exit as quickly as you can. Those same poison gases found in smoke that your smoke detector will warn you about tend to hover near the ceiling, sometimes coming halfway or more down toward the floor. Even if you can't see or smell smoke, the gases can be there just the same.

Have you ever noticed that firefighters wear breathing equipment similar to that worn by underwater divers? Those air tanks are heavy and awkward and the face masks are uncomfortable, so you know they don't wear them without good reason. Firefighters know that smoke and gas in a fire are many times more likely to kill than the flames themselves. Many fire victims are not burned at all.

Smoke contains large amounts of carbon monoxide, a tasteless and odorless gas that causes confusion and, eventually, death. The confusion can make fire victims react unsafely to the fire, causing injuries and deaths.

Modern society is filled with marvelous materials, like plastics, made in chemical laboratories. They are useful and attractive, and can be made to imitate many natural materials. They are throughout our homes, even in places we don't think about and can't see—everywhere from paints, to insulation, and to pillow fillings.

But when plastics and other artificial products burn, they give off poison gases that can kill even more quickly than the smoke from wood or other natural products.

So don't let smoke get the better of you. Stay low and go. Crawling is a safer way to escape. Don't worry about feeling silly—when you're safely outside, you'll be glad you did.

March 11th-12th Designated As Girl Scout Sabbath/Sunday

March 11th/12th is Girl Scout Sabbath/Sunday and hundreds of Girl Scouts from Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council will celebrate this special day by worshipping together in houses of worship. March 12th, the birthday of Girl Scouting in the U.S.A., actually marks the beginning of Girl Scout Week when Girl Scout Troops make a special effort to show their community who they are and what they do.

The Agawam Congregational Church will welcome all Girl Scouts and their leaders to their 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, March 12th, when there will be a special recognition of Girl Scouting.

Katherine Lowell, a member, is recognized as the oldest living Girl Scout leader in the country.

Members of Girl Scouts of the United States are united by a belief in God and the belief that the motivating force in Girl Scouting is a spiritual one. Through Girl Scouting, each girl is encouraged to become a stronger member of her own religious group, even though every Girl Scout group recognizes that all religious instruction is the responsibility of parents and religious leaders.

On Sunday, March 12th, Pioneer Valley Girl Scouts will share their spiritual bond by experiencing the joy of worshipping with their friends in the Girl Scout movement.

Operation Friendship Chapter To Hold Roast Beef Supper

Operation Friendship Chapter of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, a non-profit, youth cultural exchange program is holding a Roast Beef Supper, Saturday, March 11th, with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the church.

The menu includes juice, tossed salad, roast beef, mashed potato, gravy, vegetable, rolls and butter, beverage, and dessert.

Donation is \$6.50 for adults, \$3 for children, and under five free. Proceeds from the supper will be used toward hosting a European Operation Friendship Chapter this coming summer.

Reservations can be made by calling Pat Daubney, 789-0348, Sue Mueller, 789-1757 (evenings), or Kathy Rose, 786-0195 (evenings).

Historical Records At Area Museum

New England is a region rich in history. The story of our past is told in countless historical documents maintained by historical societies, libraries, archives, town government offices, businesses, and other organizations. These valuable materials need special care to preserve them and make the information they contain easy to find.

If you are responsible for the care and keeping of historical records or are interested in developing a historical records collection, help is now available.

The New England Archivists, Inc. (NEA) is sponsoring an introductory workshop at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum on techniques for caring for historical records on Thursday, March 9th, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. The workshops cover basic concerns relating to historical records, including: identifying records which have historical significance, developing a collecting policy, preservation of documents, and assisting users in locating information in historical records.

If you would like more information about this workshop or how to register, please contact the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum or the New England Archivists Education Specialist, P.O. Box 1364, Montpelier, VT, 05602, 802/223-2451.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery Council, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

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Sunday, March 5th
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AGAWAM STUDENT TOM DENARDO pictured in Red Square, Moscow.

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Agawam College Student's 3-Week Visit To Russia Filled With Many Surprises; Many Cultures Cited

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

"Each republic has its own culture," says Thomas DeNardo as he looks back on his recent sojourn to the Soviet Union. "The people of Soviet Georgia see themselves as Georgians, not Russians. The people of Estonia want to have their own country."

DeNardo, who recently returned from a three-and-a-half-week tour of Russia, felt it would be difficult to keep a sense of nationality strong when the people of that country are so individual and independent in culture and attitudes from one area to another.

A Middlebury (Vermont) College student, DeNardo spent his semester break touring with fellow students and teachers through Soviet Central Asia, Estonia (off the Baltic Sea), the Republic of Georgia, Kiev, the Ukraine, Bukhara, and Moscow.

Apart from the sightseeing, the tour offered DeNardo

do a chance to meet and mingle with his Soviet counterparts—students just as interested in the American culture and education as the Americans were in Soviet culture and society.

"They were incredibly friendly," says DeNardo. "They were excited to meet Americans and have a lot more freedom than we expected them to have."

"There's a shortage of goods in Russia," he pointed out, noting that "everyone buys things on the black market. It's much less expensive. Even currency is exchanged like that."

He adds that the Soviets are not necessarily plagued by a lack of money, but rather a lack of things to spend their money on.

During his tour, he learned that what is often the lucrative practice of medicine in the United States is

vastly different over there. "Doctors (in socialized medicine) make only half as much as bus drivers, who are highly in demand."

He said the quality of medical services is not what it is in Western Societies. "The training is not equal, and the doctors are not equal," he noted.

Education is another area of discrepancy. Though most Soviets are at least partly bilingual and many speak some English, when it comes to subjects like computers and computer science, they lag far behind.

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DeNardo, whose working knowledge of the Russian language is marginal, found translation to be difficult, but that was no barrier to communicating with the Russians. With the aid of translators and some Yankee ingenuity, both sides were able to freely exchange ideas and information.

A popular Soviet video game called Sniper, DeNardo pointed out, is about 15 years behind the kind of games enjoyed in the USA. He said public transit is far ahead. "The subways are just beautiful," he notes. "There's no graffiti. They're all archways and even chandeliers."

The Soviet weather was often frigid, but despite the dark fur he bought to brave the frigid climate, he noted that no self-respecting Soviet put the ear flaps down unless it got really cold (as in well below zero).

Politically, he found a broader sense of freedom than he expected.

In fact, DeNardo brought home posters he considered unique. One depicts Stalin in a hammer and sickle with the saying "this does not have to happen again."

Still, another poster bought in Leningrad depicts Stalin shooting at a Russian with applauding hands throughout the backdrop. "There are no pictures of Gorbachev (Soviet Party Chairman) anywhere," DeNardo notes. "You just don't see them."

But the openness and warmth he encountered, the curiosity and the freedom with which his group was allowed to circulate throughout so many areas of the Soviet Union is new for Americans, and attributable to the new "glasnost" of the Gorbachev regime.

DeNardo resides at 13 Fernwood Street, Agawam.

Lee Zambelli Announces Birth Of 10th Grandchild

Lee Zambelli of Agawam is proud to announce the birth of her 10th grandchild, Emily Ann, born February 22nd, Washington's Birthday.

Emily weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

The proud parents are Stephen & Tracie Zambelli of Pine Point, Springfield.

Maternal grandparents are Philip & Laurie Gumlaw of West Springfield.

Girl Scout Cookies Still Available For Purchase

There is still time to purchase great tasting Girl Scout cookies! If a Girl Scout has not contacted you, please call the Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council, 525-4124.

You may place your order or purchase the cookies directly at the Council Service Center, 40 Harkness Avenue, East Longmeadow, beginning March 9th through March 24th.

Founders/Nostalgia Day Vendor Space Available

Openings are now available for crafts vendors to display and sell handcrafted items at the upcoming Founders/Nostalgia Day Celebration, Sunday, May 21st, to be held on the grounds of Heritage Hall, 61 Cooper Street, Agawam.

Approximately 4,500 people attended the event last year. Space is limited, so make your reservations early. All proceeds from the event will be donated to several charitable organizations. For further information, call Carol Hill, 786-8000, extension 249.

Openings are also available for Tag-Sale/Collectible vendors. Tag-Sale/Collectible space is a new addition to the activities this year. For more information, please call Cathy Sullivan or Elaine Schaeffer, 786-8000.

AHS Marching Mohawks Plan Pancake Breakfast March 5th

The Agawam Marching Mohawk Band Parents Association is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, March 5th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the Agawam Middle School, Main Street, Agawam.

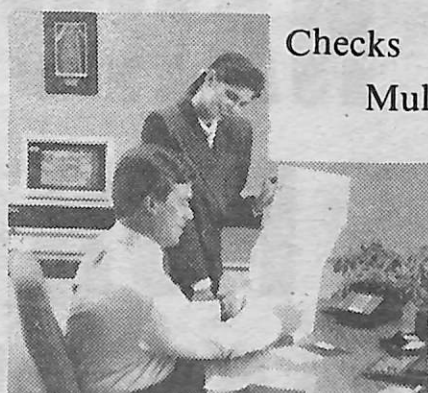
The Agawam Lions Club will be preparing the breakfast.

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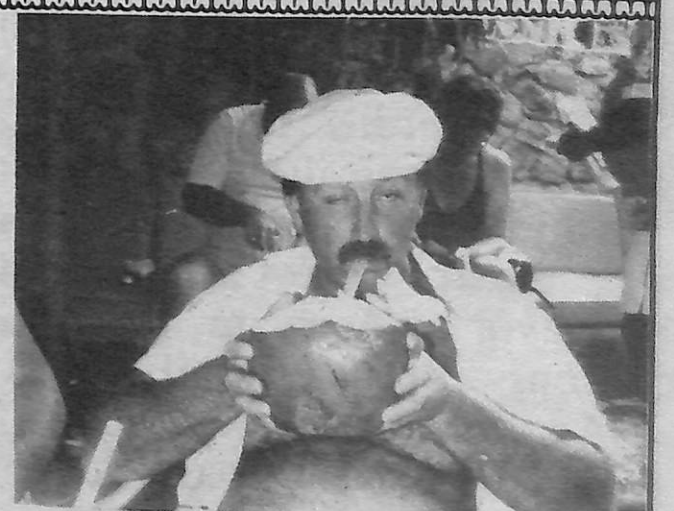
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William Raymond and Colleen Marcus were Megan's godparents.

Following the ceremony at the Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, a family party was held at the Lalli home in Feeding Hills. The other Lalli children are Paul, Michael, and Jessica.

The Gregory Perkins Family Announces Birth Of Daughter

Gregory & Karen (Adams) Perkins of 262 Jackson Road, Enfield, Connecticut, announce the birth of their daughter, Shannon Marie, on January 8th. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Norman & Martha Perkins of Enfield. Maternal grandparents are Paul & Betty Adams of Agawam.

Rick & Janet Holt Announce Birth Of Son, Eric Ryan

Rick & Janet Holt of Agawam announce the birth of their son, Eric Ryan, on January 11th. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are John & Irene Lesik of Agawam, Dorothy Holt of West Springfield, and Dr. Charles Holt of Salisbury, North Carolina.

Rosary Altar Society Slates Communion Supper March 14

The next meeting of the Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church will be a Communion Supper on Tuesday, March 14th. The evening will begin with Mass in the church at 6:30 p.m.

Following the Mass, supper will be served in the Community Room at Pheasant Hill Center. The supper will be served by Jennie Juzba. The meal will begin with a fresh fruit cup. Individual turkey pie (Waniewski famous) will be the main course, with cole slaw, cranberry sauce, homemade breads and rolls, and a special dessert.

Guest speaker will be the Reverend Hugh F. Crean, co-pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Springfield. Father Crean has served at St. Michael's in East Longmeadow, at the University of Louvain in Belgium, Elms College, and has been at Sacred Heart since 1979.

Tickets are \$5.50 and are available at the rectory or by calling 786-3384. Reservations must be made by March 7th.



LEGAL LINES

by Attorney
Rene Thomas

QUESTION: Can a nursing home discriminate between Medicaid applicants and private pay applicants?

ANSWER: Participation in the Medicaid program as a provider of long-term health care is voluntary. Since approximately 70 percent of nursing home patients are on Medicaid, most nursing homes participate in the program and thus, by law, are not to discriminate against Medicaid recipients. The main reason for discriminating against Medicaid clients is primarily financial as private pay clients pay higher rates than those paid by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

It is illegal for nursing homes participating in the Massachusetts Medicaid program to discriminate against Medicaid beneficiaries. It is illegal for a home to keep separate waiting lists for Medicaid recipients and private pay clients.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare are responsible for monitoring compliance with federal and state law covering discrimination against Medicaid recipients.

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THE CAPTAIN CHARLES LEONARD HOUSE, located on 663 Main Street, Agawam Center. Trustees have begun the Annual Friends Program, slated to conclude at the end of March.

Annual Friends Program Underway For Capt. Leonard House

Richard Brindle, president of the Captain Charles Leonard House trustees, announces that the Annual Friends Program will be conducted during the months of February and March.

He asks and encourages all residents of Agawam, civic organizations, and public spirited merchants to become "Friends Of The Leonard House" by sending a donation to 663 Main Street, Agawam, MA, 01001. Gifts in any amount, large or small, are welcomed and will be acknowledged by letter and by a "Friends" membership card for the current year.

The entire amount of money received is directed to maintain and improve the building and property which

has served for 50 years as a Community House for Agawam.

Major renovation of the Ladies' Powder Room was completed last summer, together with the refinishing of the entire Pine Room floor and exterior painting of the East and North sides of the House, and redecorating of the resident caretaker's apartment.

Much of this work was made possible by the generous donations of "Leonard House Friends" who have given their valued support over the past years.

Brindle expresses deep appreciation and gratitude to everyone who has assisted to keep the Captain Leonard House an attractive and charming place to hold meetings and social functions of all kinds. He asks that checks be made payable to "Captain Leonard House" and mailed to: 663 Main Street, Agawam, MA, 01001. All gifts are tax deductible.

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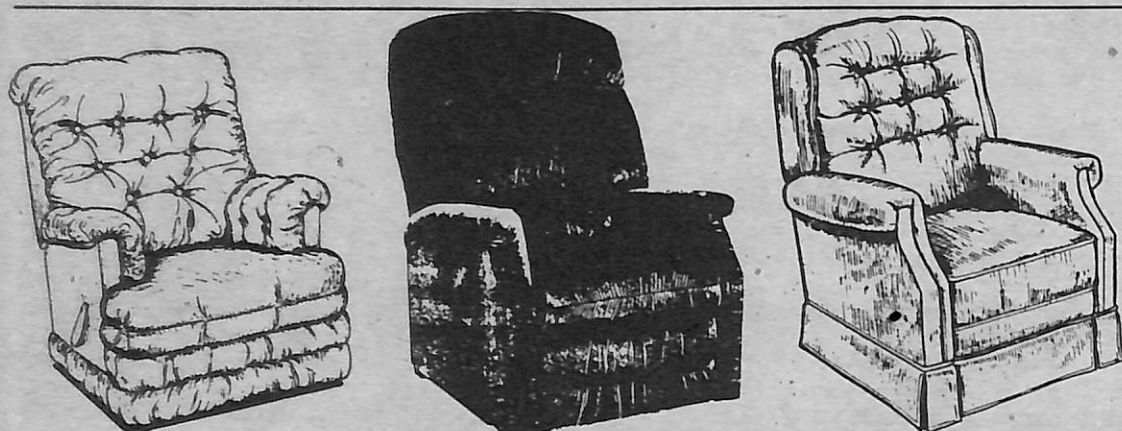
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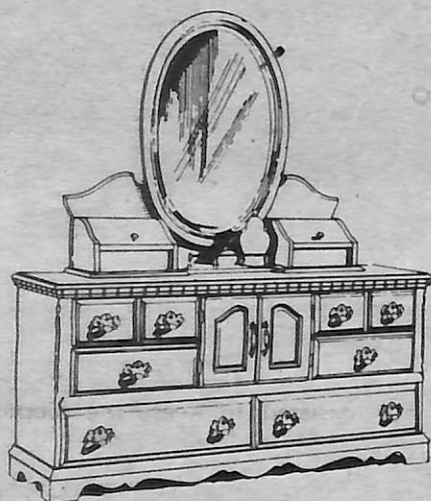
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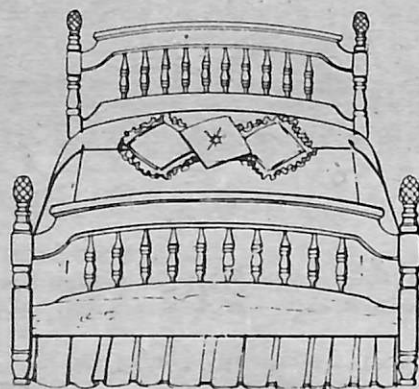


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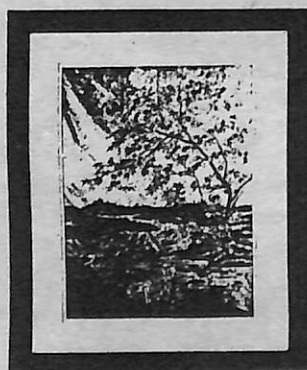
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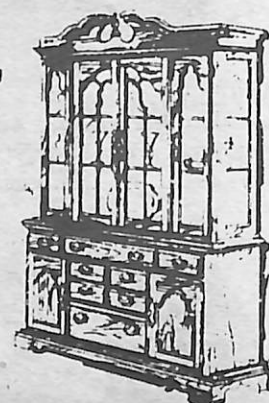
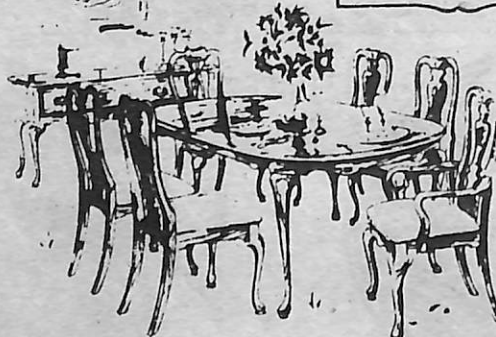
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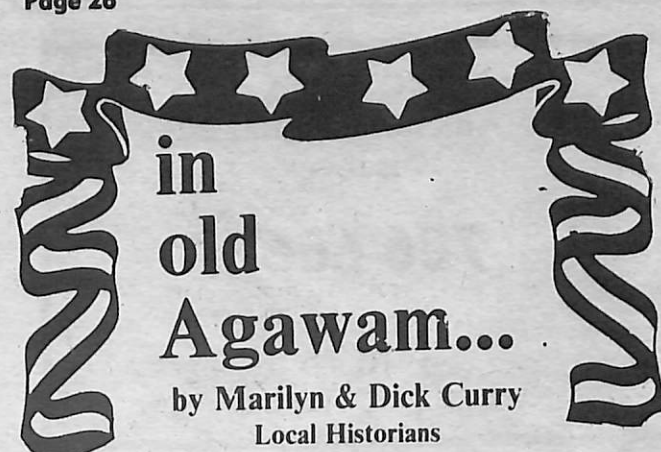
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Family History Of Capt. Leonard House Has Much Significance

End Of This Series

Captain Charles Leonard's Line Of Descent

By now our readers must be somewhat perplexed by the relevance of the material we were presented over the past few weeks as it pertains to Captain Charles Leonard.

Nevertheless, this information was necessary in order that the historical significance of the Leonard family be substantiated (that Charles Leonard be properly connected to this line of descent).

Perhaps the following information will provide a more exacting knowledge of the good Captain's family history which, until now, was not publicized.

While employing the 1840 Diary, we hope to clarify Captain Leonard's direct line of descent to the first of the Leonard family, John Leonard, who originally settl-

ed in the Valley of the Great Connecticut River in 1639.

If we have followed the proper interpretation of the Diary, then the foregoing line of descent is in keeping with Captain Charles Leonard's genealogy.

Among their offspring, John and Sarah Heath (Heald) Leonard had a son, Benjamin, who married Sarah Scott in 1679.

Among their children, Benjamin & Sarah Scott Leonard had a son, Lieutenant Benjamin Leonard, who was born in 1702 and married Thankful Merrick in 1730.

Likewise, Lieutenant Benjamin & Thankful Merrick Leonard had a son, George, who was born in 1735 and married Lucy Palmer in 1759.

Among their children, George & Lucy Palmer Leonard had a son, Charles (Captain Charles Leonard), who was born June 23rd, 1764. Charles Leonard married Mercy Remington in 1789. He had at least two brothers, Roswell, born in 1765, and married Diana Kent of Suffield in 1789 (having six children). Roswell died on April 25th, 1816 and his wife, Diana died in 1823.

The second brother, George, was born in 1767 and married Nancy Petty (or Pettie) on November 22nd, 1808, thereafter moving to Buffalo, New York.

George and his wife had three children: Nancy, Louis, and Fordyer.

NOTE: Dates of births and marriages seem consistent with the appropriate lines of descent.

Herein, the Diary clearly states that Charles (Captain Charles Leonard) "married Mercy Remington in 1789 when probably he and his wife went to live with the elderly David White who deeded his land and house to them—1790."

"In 1805 he built the present house as a tavern being about 41 years of age. He died March 3rd, 1814 at age of 50 and his wife died January 28th, 1819, age 55."

At this point in the Diary there is no mention of Hannah Kent (Bodurtha), simply, "No children and willed his house to two brothers, Roswell and George."

Still Much To Be Learned

Despite the fact that from the information gathered, there is much to learn concerning Captain Charles Leonard's personal life prior to his marriage to Mercy

Remington. But this much is certain—we now know more of the man, Charles Leonard, than what has been previously recorded.

Slowly and surely information has been brought to light and without doubt, more data will eventually come forth. In this we are confident!

Until now we had assumed that the Leonard family connection to the Bodurtha family was made with Hannah Kent's marriage to Stephen Bodurtha. However, we now know that according to the "Encyclopedia Of Massachusetts," the seventh child of John & Sarah Leonard, a daughter named Lydia, had married a second time to Joseph "Burdurtha" (Bedortha). Hence the family connection to the Bodurthas might date back to a much earlier time, providing Joseph Burdurtha is of the local family by that name.

What still remains a mystery is the title of "Captain" Charles Leonard. So far, we have been unable to account for the rank of Captain upon the man other than speculation. But this in itself does not verify Charles Leonard's association with the military, nor does it substantiate the possibility that he might have been a river boat captain on the Connecticut River.

Then there remains the question as to Leonard's having ever attended Harvard College, yet he was presumably referred to as "the farmboy who went to Harvard."

Indeed, we know little or nothing pertaining to the man's education! Again should any of our readers have further evidence concerning these two quandaries, we would appreciate hearing from you.

At least one fact is clear and that relates to the Leonard House itself. Although the structure will hopefully receive its rightful share in this series, we must confirm the belief that through the insight of Captain Leonard and his family, we can readily assume the house must have had a lifetime of pleasant happenings along with its share of family sorrows.

In knowing Captain Charles, Aunt Mercy and Hannah Kent, we have come to realize the impact their individual personalities must have had in providing human qualities to this grand old house.

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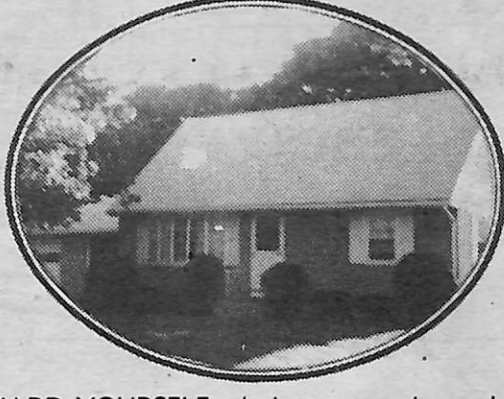
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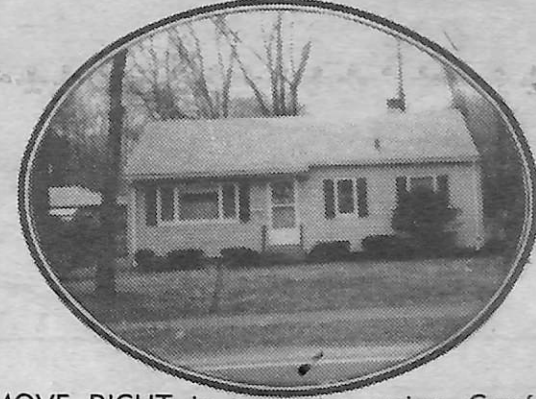
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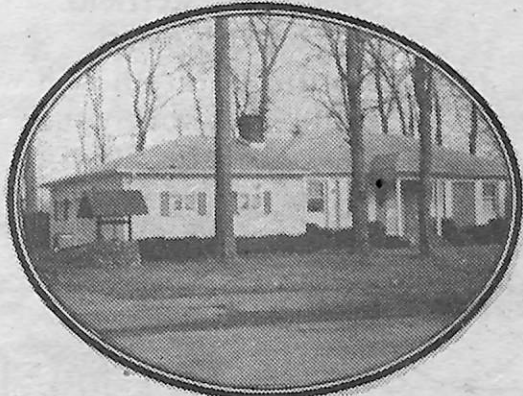
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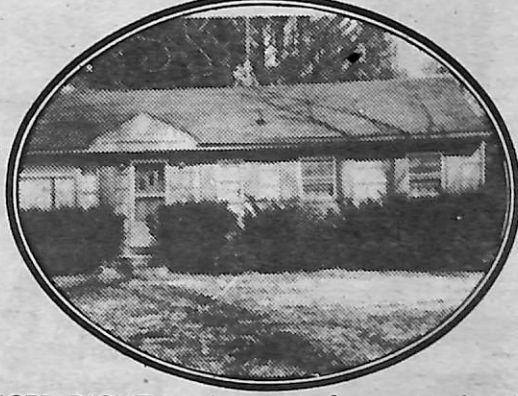
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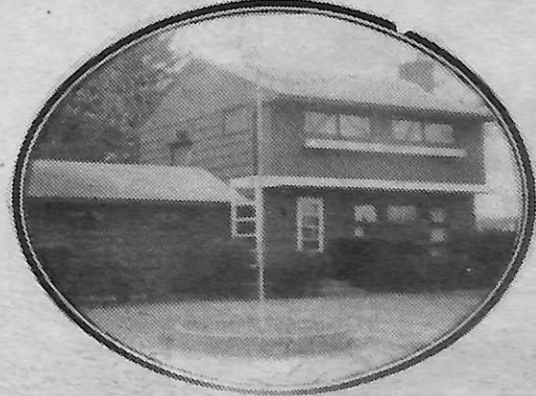
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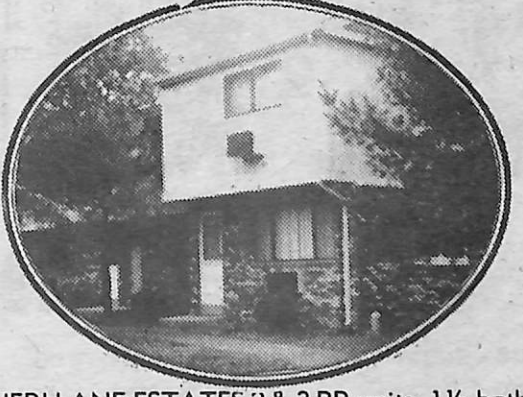
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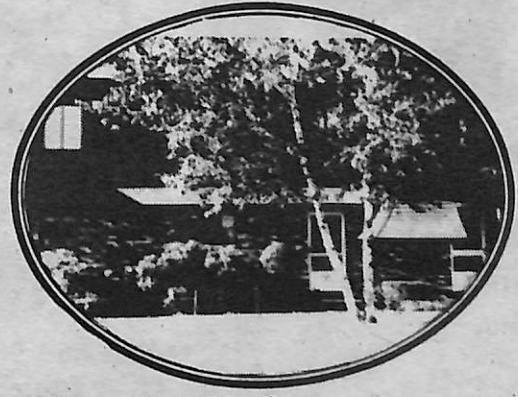
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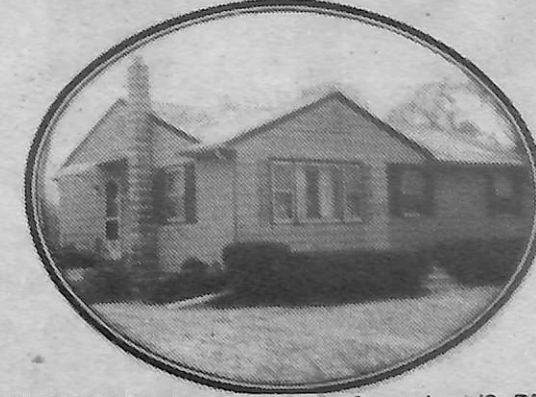
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LEONARD FAMILY - From Page 26...

Once again we find solace in the words of David Morton (The American Village, Old Deerfield, Massachusetts):

"The old names are here,
And the old forms

—Not alone of doorways, of houses,
The light falls the way the light fell,
And it is not clear,

In the shadows, if it be ourselves, here,
Or the others, who were here before us."

Captain Charles Leonard, "A Benefactor And Friend."

Two days prior to sending this article to *The AAN*, we received from our own benefactor a series of excerpts taken from the "Account Books of Stephen Bodurtha," dated from 1799 to 1809. It is from these accounts that we are able to verify that Captain Leonard must have been a man of uncommon kindness to those in need.

There is also an interesting excerpt taken from a letter by Electa Day Prosser to Hannah Kent Bodurtha, dated March 18th, 1819, in which she states: "Is it possible that magnificent mansion (apparently the Captain Leonard House) where all were wont to be glad...the poor and needy found their wants supplied, the orphan a

benefactor and friend."

Obviously, Mrs. Prosser is referring to the kindness shown by Captain Charles Leonard who, according to "Bodurtha's Account Book," reveals that the Captain had been billed so often for providing necessary shoes for the needy people of Agawam!

According to our benefactor's comment, "As we know that Captain Leonard and Mercy had no children of their own, these signify that he looked to the needs of others."

Thus, do we learn more of the man and the "magnificent mansion" that he built "where all were wont to be glad."



Area Environmentalists Slate Fundraising Oldies Dance

Advocates For A Safe Environment will sponsor an Oldies Dance, Saturday, March 4th, from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight, at the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden Street (near Route 57), Feeding Hills.

On stage 'live' will be the fabulous "Memories" with music of the 50's and 60's. There is a spacious dance hall along with a cozy "European Lounge."

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News, Events At Ag. Senior Center

March 1st, Wednesday: 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., free tax assistance, by appointment.

March 3rd, Friday: 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Diabetic Screening, by appointment.

March 7th, Tuesday: Birthday Recognition Day, reservations necessary.

March 7th, Tuesday: 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Blood Pressure, M-Z, no appointment.

March 8th, Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Podiatry, with Dr. Haynes, by appointment. (Note: This date is a temporary change).

March 8th, Wednesday: 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., free tax assistance.

March 9th, Thursday: 12:30 program, "Tips on Traveling" with Julie Mercadante.

March 14th, Tuesday: 12:30 p.m., program, CVS's pharmacist Ray Provost will present a first of several "Medical Awareness programs. Don't miss them.

March 15th, Wednesday: 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., free tax assistance.

March 16th, Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., foot nurses, by appointment.

March 16th, Thursday: St. Patrick's Day Special Menu.

March 16th, Thursday: 7:30 p.m., special sneak preview, Agawam Repertory Theatre presents: "The Love Course." You are invited! Free admission.

March 20th, Monday: 12:30 program, David Miller, M.D., Rheumatologist. Topic: "Arthritis-Management-Treatment."

March 21st, Tuesday: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders), by appointment.

March 21st, Tuesday: 1:00 p.m., Blood Pressure, M-Z, no appointment.

March 22nd, Wednesday: 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., free tax assistance, by appointment.

March 28th, Tuesday: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Legal Consultation with Attorney Teryl Jansons.

MARCH VAN SCHEDULE:

March 4th: Westfield Shops

March 11th: Eastfield Mall, Springfield Plaza, and Agawam Public Library (2:00 p.m.)

March 18th: Westfield Shops and Holyoke Mall

March 25th: Eastfield Mall, Springfield Plaza, and Agawam Public Library (2:00 p.m.)

PVTA Van Hours are: Tuesday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Monday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. PVTA direct telephone line, 789-3838. A 24-hour notice is necessary.

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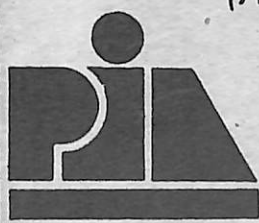
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For Your Health.

Over 40? Watch-Out For "Presbyopia"

Dr. Richard W. Gallerani, optometrist
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PRESBYOPIA: If You're Over 40 You've Got It!

With the "baby boomer" generation nearing 40, many people are experiencing the symptoms of presbyopia for the first time.

Presbyopia is the gradual aging process of the lens of the eye. The process actually begins in the late teens but first becomes noticeable in the 40's. The process of focusing (called accommodation) is accomplished by the lens of the eye.

The lens is surrounded by an elastic tissue called the capsule. The capsule is attached to the ciliary muscle by fibers called zonules which hold the lens taught. To focus, the ciliary muscle contracts, tension on the zonule fibers is released and the lens "balls up" due to the elastic capsule.

With age the elasticity of the capsule is lost. Hence, more effort is needed to achieve the same amount of accommodation. The first symptoms of presbyopia are increased eye fatigue after close work, i.e. paperwork, reading, computer, etc.

As time goes on the extra effort is not sufficient. Symptoms may include moving reading material in and out to achieve focus with the ultimate need to move it further away. Reading in dim light, such as restaurant menus becomes increasingly more difficult. Eventually the patient's "arms are not long enough" to move things away to read.

In addition, because of the reduced capacity of the lens to rebound, refocusing from distance to near and vice versa becomes more difficult and requires more time. As a result, distance vision may also become blurred in some people.

Presbyopia affects nearsighted and farsighted people differently. People who are nearsighted have a point at near which is clear without any eyeglass correction. Hence a nearsighted individual may find things are clearer at near without glasses.

Farsighted people are affected in a different way. When you are farsighted (hyperopic), while distance vision is generally excellent without glasses, the eyes may not be "perfect" and may be a little weak. The eyes compensate for this by focusing for distance. The individual would not be aware of this occurring.

As a result, extra focusing effort is needed for near work. Obviously, since more effort is needed for someone who is farsighted, presbyopia will occur sooner. Someone who is moderately farsighted may find that they need distance glasses for the first time in addition to reading glasses.

Fortunately, there are more options available to correct presbyopia than ever before. For people who are slightly nearsighted, distance glasses can simply be removed. Conventional bifocals (flat top bifocals which are shaped like half moons) are an option if this practice is not convenient or practical due to a higher prescription or astigmatism. Astigmatism affects both distance and near vision so bifocals would be necessary.

For farsighted people, the half glasses may be an option in addition to bifocals. While they are often unpopular due to their appearance, they are very versatile. Trifocals may be necessary for those who work at close distances and at an area approximately four to five feet away (an intermediate distance).

A conventional bifocal will not correct this distance. No-line bifocals are available. One style is called the blended bifocal. This is a round bifocal with the line blended. There is a two to three millimeter area that is blurred due to the blend. The other type of no-line bifocal is a progressive addition bifocal. This type offers many of the same options as a trifocal since the intermediate range is corrected by this specially designed lens.

For contact lens wearers, things become more complicated but options are still available. Reading glasses can be worn over the distance contact lens correction. A monovision fit can be performed where one eye is fit for distance and one eye for near.

While this sets up an unnatural situation, I have a surprising success rate. Bifocal contact lenses are also available. The latter two types do involve some compromise in vision but work well for many individuals. Ask your eye care professional about these options.

Just a word about the "drug store readers." While these may work as an emergency substitution they are not usually a good replacement for prescription glasses. They may not be purchased in the proper prescription power, will not help someone whose eyes are different prescriptions or one who has astigmatism. They may only magnify the image and not bring it into the correct focus.

Since an individual who is becoming presbyopic is entering early middle age, the risk for cataracts, glaucoma, and macular degeneration is beginning to increase. These would be missed without a proper eye examination. Do not trust your vision to glasses bought near gum and flair pens.

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QUESTION: I note that several of my friends have seen a chiropractor or are now under the care of a chiropractor. One claims to have regular care despite the absence of symptoms. Could you briefly explain the premise of chiropractic and comment on seeing a chiropractor if no symptoms are present.

ANSWER: When chiropractic was first introduced to the world in 1895, it involved a different approach to the problems of health. It provided a necessary alternative to a medical care system that was concerned with treating the sick with a variety of powders, pills, potions, and surgery to restore health. Medical experts and their patients noted that many of the medications prescribed were treating the effect, not the cause of the problem. Drugs were masking the symptoms/pain—not correcting the reasons for them.

Chiropractic relies upon inborn recuperative powers that allow health to be expressed naturally. Chiropractic recognizes that it is normal for the human body to function properly and as a result express good health.

With a thorough knowledge of human anatomy and physiology, it is clear that the nerve system (brain, spinal cord, and attaching nerves) is responsible for normal function of all systems, organs, and tissues. By keeping this nerve system working properly, good health can be realized naturally. The spinal column or back bone must be cared for to insure proper function of the nerve system.

This is just what doctors of chiropractic are well trained to do. By making adjustments (a specific form of manipulation) to the spine, the nerves exiting from the spine are allowed to function without interference. A chiropractor examines and may x-ray the spine that will provide the information for proper treatment. The conditions which doctors of chiropractic treat can be as varied as the nerve system itself.

If chiropractic had not been different in its approach to health care, the profession would not have continued to expand and flourish into the largest drugless health care profession in the world. The difference in chiropractic's clinical approach has restored good health to millions of people, many times after other methods have failed.

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For Your Health - continued...

East-West Health Fair At Sprfld. Museums

Learn about modern medicine and health care and get a firsthand look at some traditional Japanese arts at "Western Health and Eastern Wealth," the March 5th edition of **Sunday Spectrum** at the Springfield Library and Museums from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m., at the Quadrangle, corner of State and Chestnut Streets. All activities are free of charge.

A Quadrangle-wide series of family-oriented programs, **Sunday Spectrum** features a variety of demonstrations, performances, displays and hands-on projects centered around a common theme each week. The program is being sponsored, in part, by a grant from the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, a state agency.

Aikido, a Japanese martial art form developed in the 1920s, will be demonstrated by Valley Aikido of Northampton at 2:00 p.m., in the Museum of Fine Arts. Contrary to other martial art forms, Aikido is based on a philosophy of peace and cooperation. Class members will demonstrate the basic movements used in Aikido which are characteristically circular, graceful and flowing, stressing leverage and balance over strength or brute force.

At the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum, visitors can see two other intriguing Japanese arts demonstrated from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. Members of the Bonsai Society of Springfield will explain how to trim and pot bonsai trees as well as describe how the dwarfed plants are grown.

Nini Marshall, a native of Japan who is now a Ludlow resident, will demonstrate "origami," the popular Japanese art of paper folding. Ms. Marshall, who learned the art form from her mother as a child in Japan, will help visitors to make their own origami dogs, cats, swans, and other objects.

Interpreters for the hearing-impaired will be available for the demonstrations of Aikido, bonsai, and origami, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., by reservation. Interested persons should call the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum, 733-4214 (Voice/TDD), Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., for more information.

At the Science Museum, visitors can take an in-depth look at the field of modern medicine and health care through a wide variety of activities and displays.



VISITORS CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT modern medicine through a variety of activities and displays about health care at the March 5th edition of **Sunday Spectrum** at the Springfield Library and Museums.

The events are part of "Health Explosion," a collaboration between the Science Museum and Baystate Medical Center to bring information about health care to the community.

Visitors will be requested to wear surgical caps and gowns to enter an operating room complete with actual equipment, lighting and medical personnel throughout the afternoon on the second floor.

Physical therapists, dieticians, nurses, medical technicians, and other health care professionals will answer questions about their day-to-day duties and the educational requirements of their jobs along a "Career Walk" in Mineral Hall. Visitors will be able to see and handle medical equipment and "tools of the trade" on display.

Other activities include finger-casting, an opportunity to try on medical clothing and a display of both old-fashioned and high-tech medical equipment and

historic photographs.

Youngsters can also "turn their insides out" and make life-sized copies of their heart, liver and kidneys from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Free parking is available in the Association's lots on State Street, across from the City Library, and on Edwards Street. Additional parking is available nearby at a small cost.

The Springfield Library and Museums Association is a private, non-profit organization comprised of the Springfield City Library System, Museum of Fine Arts, Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, Springfield Science Museum, and George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum.

Sunday Spectrum will continue on March 12th with "What Is It?," which will feature activities that deal with strange natural and manufactured objects.

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Mercy Hospital is holding a free blood pressure screening on Tuesday, March 14th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., in the Memorial House Auditorium.

A colorectal screening will be offered at Mercy Hospital on Tuesday, March 14th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., in the Memorial House Auditorium. Fee: \$1.

Mercy Hospital is offering a free chronic obstructive pulmonary disease program (COPD) for patients and their families on Thursday, March 16th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The program helps individuals suffering from asthma, chronic bronchitis, or emphysema learn more about COPD and how they can better cope with their disease. Families are encouraged to attend. For registration and location, call 781-9100, extension 1610 (Respiratory Therapy Department).

The Patient Education Department of Mercy Hospital is offering a cholesterol screening program, on Thursday, March 30th, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., in the Memorial House Auditorium. Fasting is not necessary and results will be mailed to participants within 24 hours. A video program is included. The suggested donation is \$5, and registration is on a walk-in basis.

A blood glucose screening program is being held at Mercy Hospital on Friday, March 31st, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., in the Memorial House Auditorium. Prior to the test, participants should not take foods and liquids (other than water) after midnight. A donation of \$2 is requested for the testing materials.

Arthritis Support Group To Hold Monthly Meeting Mar. 7

The Springfield Area Arthritis Support Group will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 7th, at 7:00 p.m. The topic, "Oh, My Aching Feet! What Can I Do About Them?" will be presented by podiatrist, Dr. David Corn. The meeting will be held at the Springfield Elks Lodge 61, 440 Tiffany Street, Springfield.

Arthritis Support Groups invite people with arthritis and their families to share common concerns, and become better informed about this disease. Groups meet once a month, are led by trained volunteers, and are sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation Massachusetts Chapter. Programs are free of charge and open to the public.

For more information, call the Arthritis Foundation at 1-800-882-1464.

Questions/Comments in "For Your Health" should be directed at the health pros who write the columns.

YOUR Dental Health

by Dr. Stephen R. Jacapraro
1379 Main Street - Agawam, 786-8177

BRIGHTENING STAINED TEETH

Q. What can be done about discolored teeth?

A. The basic alternatives are a procedure known as bleaching to restore the color, or making caps or veneers to cover the affected teeth.

There are two methods of bleaching—external and internal. In external bleaching, the dentist applies a whitening agent to the tooth surfaces and usually employs an infrared or ultraviolet light to stimulate the process. The procedure is repeated in several visits to attain color comparable to surrounding teeth. This method is quite effective for dealing with stains caused by tobacco and certain foods.

Internal bleaching is done when discoloration is caused by medication or by tooth disease or injury. Applying a bleaching agent internally involves a root canal procedure.

Mildly discolored teeth often respond well to bleaching treatment. For more severe cases the dentist may recommend caps or veneers.

Presented as a community service by Stephen R. Jacapraro, D.M.D., 1379 Main Street, Agawam, MA. Phone: 786-8177.

Advanced Life Saving Offered Through Agawam Recreation

The Agawam Recreation Department is offering an Advanced Life Saving Course at the Agawam Junior High School Pool beginning every Tuesday/Thursday in March.

The exact dates will be March 7th, 9th, 14th, 16th, 21st, 23rd, 28th, and 30th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., each evening. Cost of the eight (three-hour sessions) will be \$50 per person (no refunds). Cost includes all materials. There will be a limit of 20 students. Instructor for the course will be Denise Cardona.

Registration is daily in the Recreation Office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For further information, contact the Recreation Department, 786-0400, extension 456.

ADULT LEARN TO SWIM:

This program is open to all adults 18 years-old and up, men or women, who would like to learn to swim or to improve their skills. Classes will be held twice a week for five weeks.

Session: April 3rd/5th to May 8th/10th (10 sessions)

Time: Monday nights, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday nights, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School Pool

Program Fee: \$35 per person (no refunds)

Instructors: Recreation Swim Staff

DANCE-AEROBICS:

This course is a blend of exercise and dance. It firms and tones the body, exercises the heart, promotes flexibility, develops rhythm and is pure and simple fun.

Session: March 14th/16th to May 2nd/4th (16 sessions)

Time: Tuesdays and/or Thursdays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Phelps School Gym (Main Street)

Program Fee: \$35 per person (no refunds). If you wish to join for one night, cost is \$20.

Instructor: Susan Cianciola

PLEASE NOTE: Because of special elections, the class will be held on Monday, March 27th (instead of March 28th), and Monday, May 1st (instead of May 2nd).

Providence Hospital Slates Blood Sugar Testing Program

The monthly session of the Providence Hospital blood sugar level testing program is scheduled for Thursday, March 9th, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in Room One of the hospital auditorium. Advanced registration is not necessary. The monthly session is always scheduled for the second Thursday of every month.

Mary Ellen Strzempko, R.N., C.D.E., Diabetic Teaching Nurse, stressed that those taking the test must fast from midnight the night before "so that the test will be accurate."

The program is open to the public and a \$2 donation is asked to cover costs. Diabetics are welcome to take the test to check their sugar levels.

Persons with questions may contact Mrs. Strzempko at the hospital, 539-2938.

Diabetic Education Programs Set For Mercy Hospital

The Patient Education Department of Mercy Hospital is offering a free series of diabetic education programs to the public. Classes are offered in the afternoon.

"Introduction to Diabetes" will be offered on Monday, March 13th, at 2:30 p.m., by a nurse educator.

"Diet and Diabetes," presented by a dietician or nurse educator, will be offered on Tuesday, March 14th, at 2:30 p.m.

"Medications Used In The Treatment of Diabetes" will be presented on Wednesday, March 15th, at 2:30 p.m., by a Mercy pharmacist.

"Complications Related to Diabetes," offered on Thursday, March 16th, at 2:30 p.m., will be presented by a nurse educator.

Pre-registration is required. Please call Patient Education, 781-9100, extension 5344, between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, or leave a message. Location will be announced upon registration.

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Victorian Era Comes To Life In Off-Beat Sherlock Holmes Yarn At StageWest

by Phil Benoit
Advertiser News Entertainment Editor

Since his inception over 100 years ago, the character of Sherlock Holmes has become the world's most renowned fictional detective, and his timeless adventures have not only taken place on the printed page, but on the silver screen, the airwaves, television, and on the stage as well.

And now, StageWest casts the inimitable sleuth in a different light by way of a refreshingly inventive and aptly-named tale titled *Sherlock's Last Case*.

Like the majority of his tales, *Sherlock's Last Case* is set in Victorian England during the late 1890's, and much of its action takes place in the Baker Street flat that is well-known to all of Holmes' fans. At the beginning of the story, we are informed that Mr. Holmes' (Noble Shropshire) long-time arch-enemy, the nefarious Professor Moriarty, is no longer among the living, thanks to Holmes himself; however, this does not mean that there is no danger afoot for the detective and Dr. John Watson (John Tyson), his companion and trusted friend.

Before long, Holmes learns that the late Moriarty is survived by two grown children, a daughter and a son of divergent personalities. The son, on one hand, is determined to avenge his father's death by personally bringing about Holmes' own demise; the daughter, on the other hand, wants no further tragedy in her life and is anxious to prevent her brother from doing anything rash.

When this young woman (Ellen Lauren) visits Holmes and informs him of her sibling's malevolent scheme for revenge, the great sleuth does not find himself fearing for his life; in fact, upon the suggestion of this female visitor, he intends to confront the younger Moriarty and talk the impetuous young man out of committing any criminal activity that he'll ultimately regret.

But, when Holmes and Watson carry out their own plan and lay in wait in the lair of Moriarty's son, events take such a surprising turn that even Holmes' superlative intellect couldn't have prepared him for

what was to befall him.

Penned by acclaimed playwright Charles Marowitz, *Sherlock's Last Case*, which runs at StageWest's S. Prestley Blake Mainstage until March 19th, proves that you can take a now-classic character and successfully present him in such a way as to make him seem brand new.

To be sure, Sherlock Holmes has become such an icon during the past century that just about everyone is familiar with his characteristics and the trappings of his adventures; yet, by turns intensely dramatic and self-consciously tongue-and-cheek, *Sherlock's Last Case* is a very entertaining show which boasts some absolutely stunning plot developments that are apt to leave you with your mouth gaping open.

Basically a psychological drama which is primarily concerned with characterization, the play not only closely examines the temperaments of both Holmes and his cohort Watson, but also depicts them in a slyly offbeat manner that's never been done quite like this before.

However, I must admit that *Sherlock's Last Case* is bound to not appeal to some people. Chances are that Sherlock Holmes "purists" — those fans who regard the literary work of his creator, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, as canon — will find themselves turned off by this play, for it is, in essence, a "what if..." story that takes some big liberties with the venerable Holmes mythology.

Moreover, this two-act production does, admittedly, move at a place that is a bit too slow for its own good. The first act, in particular, gets bogged down with some unnecessarily wordy dialogue which might produce a yawn or two.

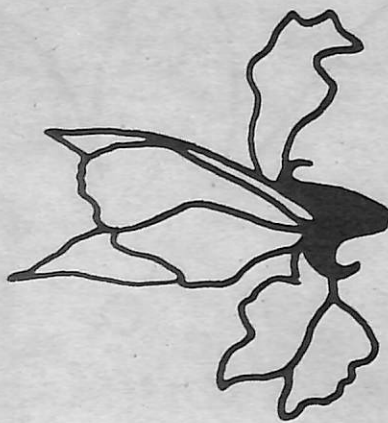
Nevertheless, when *Sherlock's Last Case* delivers, it delivers in a spellbinding fashion that makes it well worth the wait. In the meantime, during those moments which won't put you on the edge of your seat, the set itself is sure to grab your attention.



NOBLE SHROPSHIRE as the famous sleuth Sherlock Holmes now at StageWest.

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Agawam Resident To Direct New Play By Suffield Players

Suffield: Agawam resident Pat Haynes will direct the Suffield Players' winter production, opening Thursday, March 9th, at Mapleton Hall, Suffield.

Written by Lyle Kessler, "Orphans" is a powerful story of two brothers' struggle for survival in an old North Philadelphia rowhouse. The pair's meager sense of family is thrown into dramatic disarray when, in an attempt to earn a large ransom, the brothers kidnap a seemingly successful businessman. The outsider's effect on the two siblings provides a darkly comedic backdrop as the brothers slowly change their views of the world outside, and ultimately each other.

Miss Haynes, a 1974 graduate of Agawam High, is an extremely versatile thespian, accustomed to working both sides of the footlights. An accomplished vocalist, she counts stints in professional cabaret among her many theatrical credits. While this is her first directorial effort with the award-winning Suffield Players, she has worked with the group for several years. She has appeared on-stage in "The Princess and the Pea," "Is there Life After High School?," "Jaques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris," and the Players' Fall 1987 smash production of "Jesus Christ Superstar."

"Orphans" is a work with special meaning to Miss Haynes. Recalling her first exposure to the play, she says, "I still get chills just thinking about that Sunday afternoon matinee performance six years ago. I recall vividly how mesmerized I was by the extraordinary energy of the actors. I remember thinking, 'How can they possibly do another performance in just a few hours? They must be exhausted.' Never before had one piece of theater brought about so many different feelings for me—amusement, affection, sadness, joy, anger, disgust, hatred. I remember the performance as if it had happened yesterday."

Miss Haynes is philosophical about her present involvement with "Orphans." "Had anyone told me then (six years ago) that I would someday direct this piece, I probably would have laughed in their face. But, here I am," she laughs. "Why direct now after all these years? I love this play, but there are no roles for women - what else could I do?"

"Orphans" will run March 9th, 10th, 11th, 17th, and 18th, at Mapleton Hall, Mapleton Road, Suffield. Tickets may be reserved through Pioneer Answering Service, 203-627-5749. **WARNING:** "Orphans" contains extremely strong language that may be offensive to some audience members.

Agawam Public Library Shows Part II Of David Huba Exhibit

The Agawam Public Library is happy to announce Part II of the David Huba Exhibit.

Huba's artistic expression takes a non-traditional approach of visualizing the world through the eye of an artist.

He combines texture with bright colors as an invitation for the viewer to look, touch, and react spontaneously to what he/she may "see" in the individual works.

Viewers are invited to come to the library any time during regular library hours and experience a "hands on" encounter with exciting, contemporary art.

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Well-designed by Keith Henery and framed by the titles of some of Holmes' most famous cases (including *The Sign of the Four* and *The Hound of the Baskervilles*), the brown-hued and highly detailed furnishings of the Baker Street locale eloquently evoke the flavor of Victorian England and complement the personality of its main inhabitant. In addition, a dark and sinister-looking cellar which is the site of some of the story's most important events conveys a spine-tingling creepiness that perfectly enhances the atmosphere of this Sherlock Holmes exploit.

Under the solid direction of Eric Hill, StageWest's new artistic director, the cast of *Sherlock's Last Case* does a splendid job, and each of these performers portray their respective characters which much verve and aplomb.

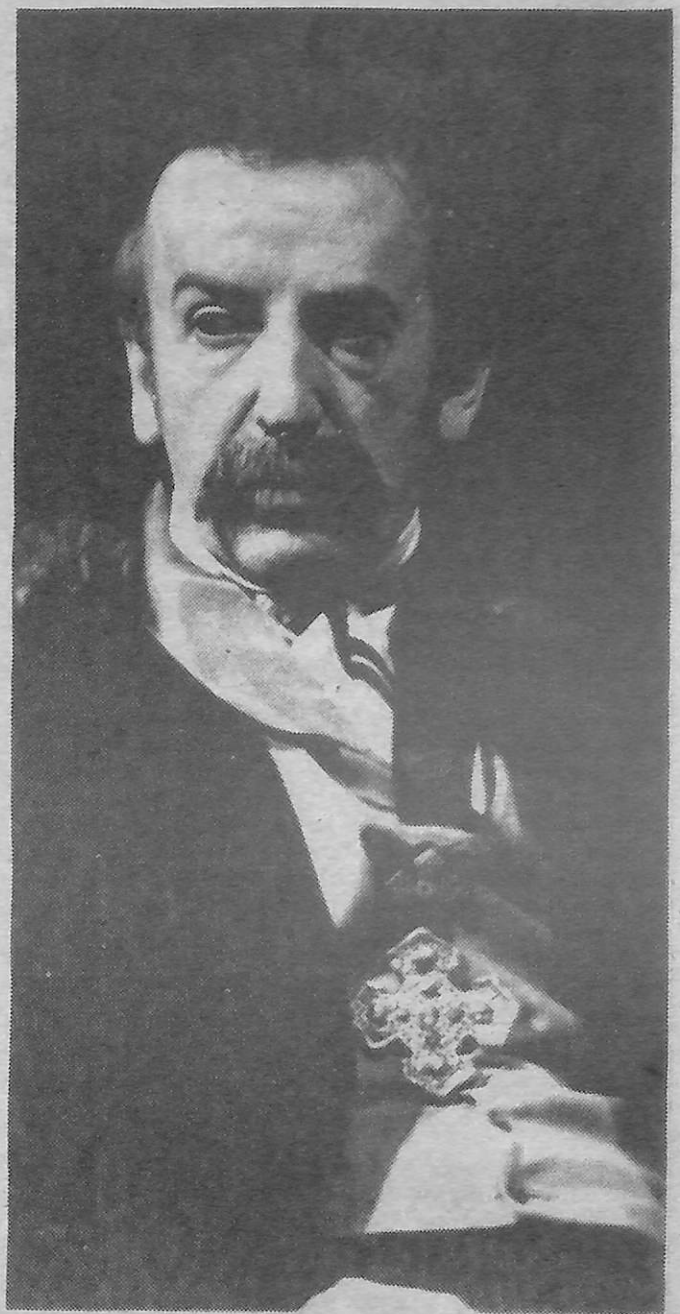
As Mrs. Hudson, Holmes and Watson's elderly Scottish housekeeper, Shelley Williams provides much comic relief via a winsome persona that's sometimes mousy, sometimes giddy, and always put-upon, thanks to the sarcastic comments which the continually-unappreciative Holmes frequently hurls in her direction.

Meanwhile, David Gottlieb is also fine in the part of Inspector Lestrade. This English detective is a well-meaning and likable chap who's a bit dimwitted when it comes to police work, and Gottlieb infuses him with a self-assured demeanor that gets blustery whenever anyone (namely Holmes) outthinks him.

In the role of the late Professor Moriarty's daughter, Miss Lauren is burdened to utter the majority of the superfluous dialogue which weakens the play's first act. But, she skillfully offsets this liability by projecting a blend of ladylike charm and childlike innocence that seems too sincere to be real.

As Watson, Tyson is unforgettable. Besides rendering this individual as a benevolent and stalwart "second banana" to Sherlock Holmes, he proficiently brings to life the negative and self-destructive traits of Watson's character—previously unseen traits which fulfill a vital function in this play's action.

Shropshire, who is first-rate in the title role, similarly depicts the unpleasant aspects of Holmes' temperament. An outright snob who arrogantly takes pride in his formidable detective skills, his interpretation of Sherlock Holmes is an anti-heroic protagonist whose personal shortcomings, in tandem with Watson's own flaws, unwittingly serve as the impetus for this surprising drama.



JOHN TYSON stars as Dr. Watson, Sherlock Holmes' trusty right-hand man, in the StageWest production of "Sherlock's Last Case."

Art Class Registration Begins At Springfield Museum

Registration for spring art classes, for young people and adults, at the School of the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum, begins with a **Members Only** walk-in registration on Saturday, March 11th, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. On Sunday, March 12th, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m., there will be a walk-in registration for **Nonmembers** and **Members**. Classes begin the week of April 10th and continue through June 16th. Registration is held at the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum, located on the Quadrangle in

downtown Springfield.

Don't miss this opportunity to sign-up for fun and educational classes taught by skilled artists. Some of the offerings include: calligraphy, sculpture, drawing, and printmaking. The classes are arranged to suit both day and evening schedules and include classes designed for adults as well as young people.

For a free brochure or additional information, call the Education Department at the museum: 733-4214.

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Chili and cold weather make such a compatible pair. But, is chili a food that fits into diets aimed at good nutrition and into lifestyles that don't have time to simmer it all day, the old-fashioned way?

Economists report that most chili recipes can be improved nutritionally by using lean ground beef, adding more vegetables, and substituting favorite seasonings for salt.

They also note that the microwave oven can make quick work of most any chili recipe.

For a truly nutritious and speedy recipe with a flavor all its own, home economists suggest meatless chili. It features a host of economical, healthy and tasty ingredients and instructions for microwave cooking.

Kidney beans, the recipe's sole source of protein, contain complex carbohydrates and dietary fiber, a winning combination that provides the body with energy and aids digestion. High in complex carbohydrates, beans are naturally low in fat, sugar, calories, and cholesterol.

The chili's flavor and texture are enhanced by the addition of canned corn, celery, chopped tomatoes, green pepper, onion. These ingredients also provide fiber, which is deficient in most of our diets, according to nutritionists.

This recipe is a snap for any chili lover in the family to prepare. And, with help from the microwave oven, it's ready to serve in less than 30 minutes. Try meatless chili as a hearty, satisfying warmer-upper for blustery winter days.

MEATLESS CHILI

(Total cooking time: 22-27 minutes)

- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/2 cup sliced celery
- 1 can (7 ounces) corn, drained (reserve liquid)
- 1 cup chopped tomatoes
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1 can (40 1/2 ounces) kidney beans (reserve liquid)
- 2 cups vegetable stock (use tomato juice, reserved liquids)
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder

Microwave onion, green pepper, and celery at HIGH for 2 minutes. Add corn, tomatoes, and stock. Mash half of kidney beans and add to pot along with remaining beans and seasonings. Cover and microwave at HIGH for 20 minutes, stirring after 10 minutes. If too watery, crack cover slightly and cook another 5 minutes.

*Chili can be frozen in 1-cup portions. To defrost and heat, microwave at HIGH, covered (1 cup: 4-5 minutes, stirring once; 2 cups: 9 minutes, stirring twice).

Tuesday Morning Music Club Sets Guest Artist Day Mar. 7

The Tuesday Morning Music Club will present Guest Artist Day, March 7th, at American International College, Springfield. Eugenie Malek will perform at 10:30 a.m., in the Esther B. Griswold Theatre for the Performing Arts.

Ms. Malek began her career in New York City and has played with orchestras since the age of five. She received degrees from Oberlin and Julliard School and has taught at Smith College, University of Massachusetts, Mount Holyoke, and Williston-Northampton.

Her recital performances have been at Carnegie Hall, Town Hall, and Alice Tully Hall in New York, and on radio, TV in Boston and New York.

She will play numbers of Scarlatti, Brahms, Barber, and Schumann. Joining her in the Schumann Piano Quintet will be the Amicus String Quartet. This quartet, which was organized in 1970, is one of outstanding ability. Playing in this group are William MacKnight and Patricia Itzkoff, violins; Susan Schiffman, viola; and Seymour Itzkoff, cello.

Come join us for this concert. It promises to be one of variety, interest, and talent. A reception and coffee hour follows the program. Adults are \$5; students, \$1.

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Great Performers Concert By Spfld. Symphony

The Springfield Symphony Orchestra will present pianist Ruth Laredo and guest conductor Robert Gutter in a **Great Performers** concert Saturday, March 11th, at 8:00 p.m. Their powerful performance, sponsored by Heritage NIS Bank for Savings, will include great works by Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, and Shostakovich.

The evening will open with an early Beethoven ballet titled "Prometheus Overture," which depicts the mythological titan as a teacher of art and science. Tchaikovsky's "Piano Concerto No. 1" with its challenging solos and Ukrainian folk melodies keeps the driving momentum going for the climactic "Symphony No. 5," one of Shostakovich's most famous works.

Ruth Laredo is widely known for her historic recordings of works by Rachmaninoff, Scriabin, and Revel, as well as being a three-time Grammy nominee. Just recently, Laredo has signed a recording contract with

MCA Classics with her first release being a disc of all-Spanish music by Albeniz and de Falla.

Robert Gutter, former conductor of the Springfield Symphony for 16 years, is credited with originating many innovative programs with the Symphony, such as the Stanley Park Summer Concert Series and staged opera productions. Currently, Gutter is director of Orchestral Activities and an associate professor of Music at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Tickets are on sale now, priced from \$8 to \$25, and are available at the Symphony Box Office located on the Mezzanine level of Baystate West or by calling 733-2291. Group, senior, and student discounts are available.

These performances are funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities.

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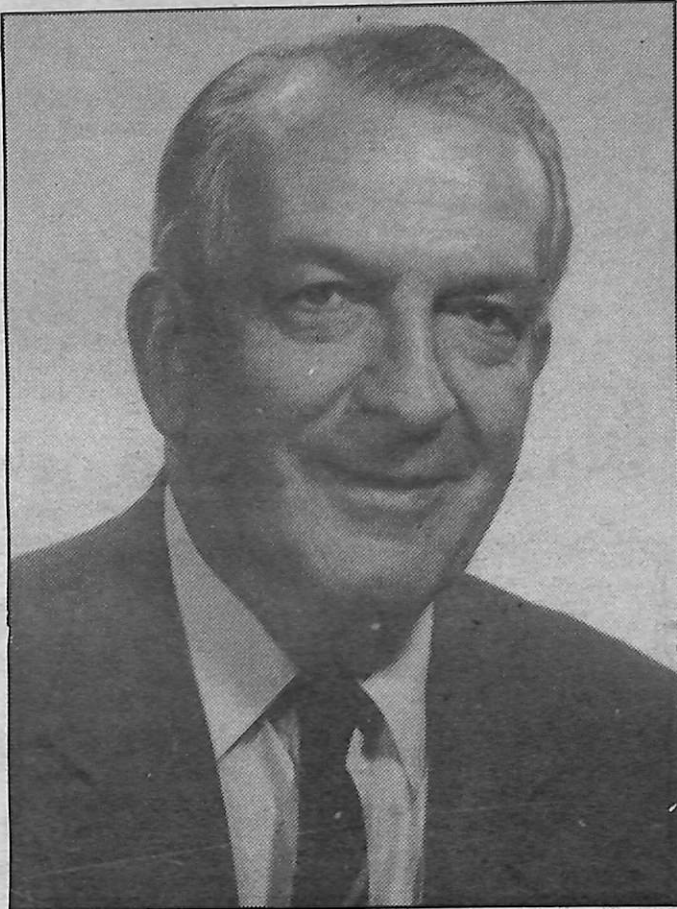
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TO THE SENIOR CITIZEN STOCKHOLDERS OF AGAWAM

Thomas Jefferson once said that the measure of a government is how well it cares for its people.

The first mayor of Agawam will be responsible for the care of all of the 31,000 stockholders of Agawam. One group in particular will be our "Senior Stockholders." This group, who now enjoy their golden years, worked long and hard. They wanted to insure that the present generation had the necessary education and advantages to compete in today's world. There are many stories of mothers and fathers working long hours to provide for their children so that the children could enjoy a better life.

Today, as they enjoy their years of retirement, they should not have to be troubled about where they will live or how they will pay taxes on their fixed incomes.

I am sure that all of you have read the promises of the other candidates and about their concern for Senior Citizens. Promises are fine if they are carried through.

Let me take a moment to list what I have done in the last 25 years as an elected official.

When the need for senior housing came to light, I voted for the town to secure necessary funds to construct Meadowbrook Manor and Colonial Haven as senior complexes. I voted as well for the Senior Center construction and have supported every budget request for the Center. I voted for the town to secure the necessary grant to modernize Brady Village. I voted for Danahy Housing. I voted for the acquisition of a new senior van to better serve the residents. I also voted for a tax break for all widows and those over 70, which amounts to \$175-\$500 per year on property taxes. When the first Golden Age Club was formed in Agawam, I paid their rent to provide a meeting place.

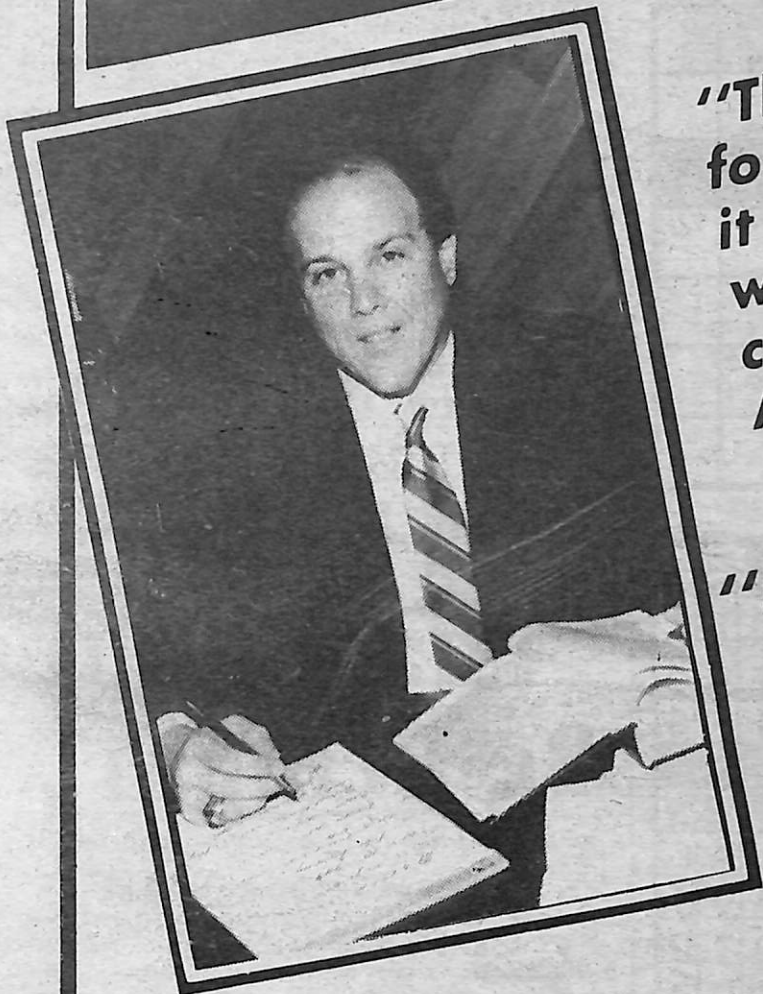
If the proof of the pudding is in the tasting, my 25 years of municipal government service proves that I care about seniors. My 41 years experience in business will insure that the senior stockholders of Agawam can enjoy their golden years with a minimum of worry and concern. Rest assured that each and everyone of you are special to be because, you see, I am one of you! I too am a Senior!

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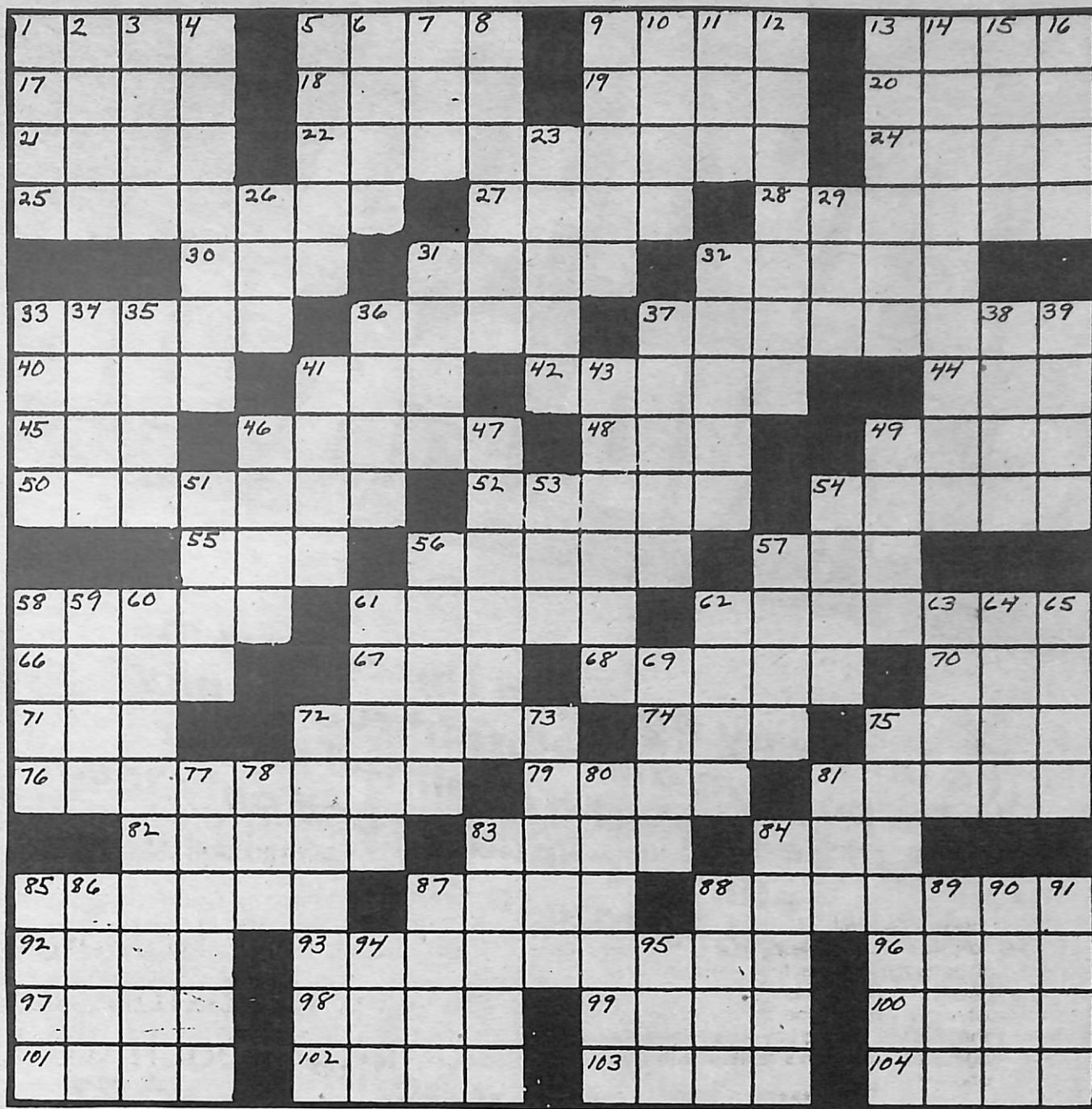
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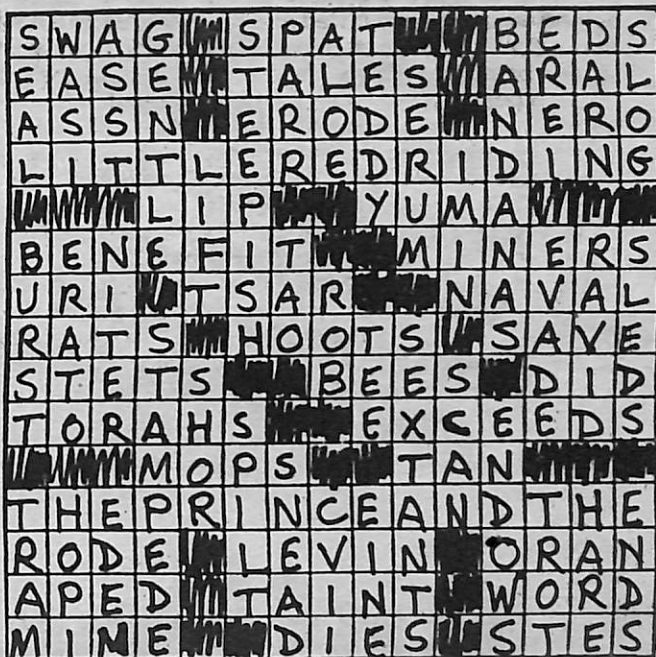
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by Julie Mercadante
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Americans look at vacation travel as a necessity, not a luxury. They feel it's something they're entitled to. Studies have shown that some Americans delay other major purchases rather than forego a vacation. So, with the knowledge that travel will cost more in 1989, here's a few travel tips.

1. Travel off-season and you'll save a lot. For travel abroad the most economical months are between October and April. If you're not taking an escorted tour, purchase a Eurail pass before you leave home. They're not available once you reach your destination. Off-season for the Caribbean is mid-April to mid-December. Bermuda is November to March.

An added bonus to the lower cost is destinations are less crowded and there's no wait for seating in restaurants.

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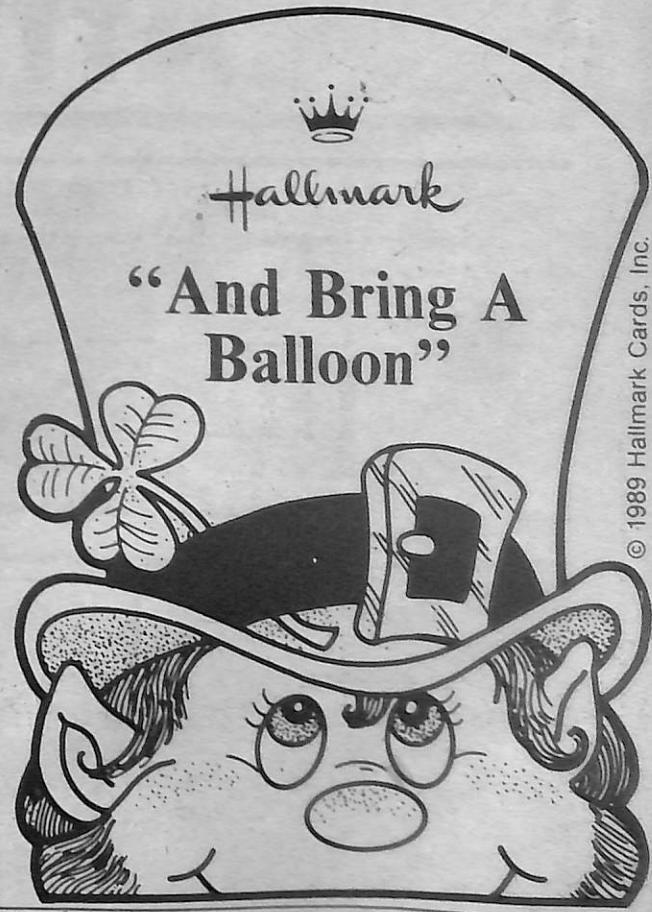
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Encore Players Can't Find Right Stuff With Latest Production

by Phil Benoit
Advertiser News Entertainment Editor

Plays with are comprised of elements that are both intensely serious and lightheartedly humorous often produce mixed results, and this is especially true in the case of *Artichoke*, a somewhat disappointing production from the Encore Players.

The two-act, Joanna M. Glass play, which ran last Thursday through Saturday, has four more performances scheduled for this Thursday through Sunday (March 2nd through 5th). The Thursday, Friday, and Saturday performances begin at 8:00 p.m., and the Sunday performance is a matinee at 2:00 p.m. All shows are held in the downstairs theater of Emmanuel Church, 761 Sumner Avenue (corner of Sumner Avenue and White Street), Springfield.

Taking place in the present, *Artichoke* is set in the Saskatchewan prairie in southwest Canada and introduces us to an embittered family. The head of the household, Walter Morley (Bill Fisher), is a rough-hewn farmer whose 15-year marriage to Margaret (Mary Treiber), an equally rough-hewn woman, has been nothing but a cold-hearted existence. Shortly after they were married, Walter had an extramarital affair, and the result of that affair was Lily Agnes (Wendy Burk), an illegitimate girl who has since been raised and loved by Margaret as though she were her own daughter.

But, between Walter and Margaret, there is little emotion save for outbursts of anger, and these hate-filled exchanges are witnessed by the other residents of the Morley house: the aforementioned Lily Agnes, and "Gramps" Ferguson (Wayne W. Robertson), Margaret's good-natured father.

However, bitter feelings between this husband and wife are further intensified when Gibson McFarland (Jeff Whitney) returns to Saskatchewan for a visit. An orphan who was reared by Gramps, Gibson is now an English professor who has grown quite world-weary and is looking to spend sometime among his old, rural haunt.

Yet, Walter is far from being pleased by this visitor, for not only is Gibson the kind of man who abhors doing any type of physical labor, but his return has rekindled his onetime relationship with the lonely and love-starved Margaret.

Under the direction of Carroll Britch, the Encore Players' production of *Artichoke* is rather difficult to sit back and enjoy because its action is marred by conflicting tones of comedy and drama, and this flaw lies with the divergent styles of the performances.

Mind you, each of these performances is, in itself, executed with much skill and infused with much credibility; together, however, they clash with each other and leave you feeling more than a bit confused as to whether this play is to be taken as a comedy or as a drama (despite the fact that it is being billed as a comedy).

For instance, let's examine the characters of Walter and Margaret, who consistently exhibit a great deal of hostility toward each other. As played by Fisher and Miss Treiber, respectively, these characters don't engage in the type of droll banter that, say, the characters of Fred and Ethel Mertz did on the now-classic sitcom, *I Love Lucy*.

Instead, these individuals are rendered with the sort of hard-bitten, spiteful intensity that would befit an extremely somber drama about severe marital strife. Though these people do not wind up killing each other by the end of the plot, the malicious chemistry which develops between Fisher and Miss Treiber does suggest that something like that could conceivably happen before you leave the theater.

Yet, surrounding Walter and Margaret are characters who are undeniably funny in nature and provide out-and-out hilarity that seems out of sync with this couple's highly strained relationship. Gibson McFarland, for example, is but a highfalutin buffoon who is ultimately the laughingstock of the entire show, and Whitney brings out his inherently clownish demeanor by exhibiting outrageously temperamental behavior that is uproarious to watch.



BILL FISHER (left), MARY TREIBER, and JEFF WHITNEY in the Encore Players' production of *Artichoke*. The two-act play runs through March 5th.

Miss Burk, meanwhile, is also quite amusing as Lily Agnes, a precocious adolescent who behaves with a sense of eccentric, intellectual maturity which is far beyond her years. And, though his role as Gramps is the most underwritten one in the show, Robertson makes the most of this part by supplying Gramps with an engaging persona that's replete with gentlemanly charm and wit.

While the characters of Gibson McFarland, Lily Agnes, and Gramps appear as though they belong in one kind of play, and those of Walter and Margaret belong in an entirely different one, there are two additional comical characters in *Artichoke* who don't seem as out of place with the dramatic aspects of the production because they have the least amount of vital interaction with the other characters and are, on the whole, peripheral to the entire storyline.

Superbly portrayed by Paul MacDonald and Bruce Harvey, respectively, a pair of crusty old codgers named Jake and Archie spend most of their time sitting in chairs on one side of the stage and making humorous comments on the other characters and their conflicts. Sporting similar eyeglasses, mustaches, and flannel shirts, this bucolic Tweedledum and Tweedledee are highly reminiscent of Waldorf and Statler, the two elderly hecklers who reside in a theater balcony on the ever-popular *The Muppet Show*.

And, thanks to the most commendable efforts of both MacDonald and Harvey, Jake and Archie, in the end, come off as the greatest strengths of this consistently well-acted, occasionally entertaining, but unfortunately uneven show.

***PUBLISHER'S NOTE:** Tickets for the Encore Players' production of *Artichoke* are \$4 (all seats) for the Thursday evening performance and the Sunday matinee; \$6 (general admission) for the Friday and Saturday evening performances; and \$5 for senior citizens and students on Friday and Saturday.

They can be purchased at the door prior to each show, or reserved by calling 783-5972 after 5 p.m.

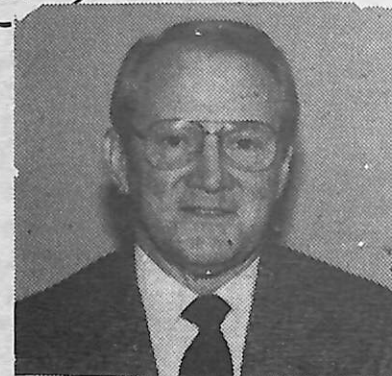
Also, because it contains some strong profanity and its subject matter deals frankly with sexual themes and situations, the Encore Players advise that *Artichoke* is for adult playgoers only.

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ROBINSON PARK TEACHER Andrew Bower has been at the school for the past 16 years. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Educator of the Month...

Robinson Park's Andy Bower Continues Role As Leader In Creative & Enriching Programs

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Andrew Bower is a fourth grade instructor at Robinson Park Elementary School. He has been a leader in many creative and enriching programs at the school for 16 years and his students seem to benefit in many ways from his classroom teachings.

Before teaching in the United States, Bower lived and taught English in Japan. He was instrumental in organizing activities during Robinson's cultural study of Japan last year. Fourth grade classes participated in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony with Nobue Yamashita from Mount Holyoke College and built a tea house.

The customs and history of Japan were experienced first-hand by Bower so that students learned additional facts not found in books.

He told students, "Japanese children go to school and study very long hours. If the teachers, parents, or the students themselves feel they (students) are falling behind, the student will attend a second school three times a week for approximately two hours each time, after regular school finishes."

The Robinson students were also grateful to only have a 26-letter alphabet after learning about the 102 symbols Japanese children must know.

Bower was able to assist with many hands-on activities for the students that brought the cultural enrichment program to life. His students wrote a form of poetry called *Haiku* that *The Agawam Advertiser News* published in our "Kids' Corner" last year. The children each had a keepsake of their own name done in calligraphy by Nini Marshall in Japanese, too.

Bower is also active in the Adelphi Program at Robinson. Adelphi helps to promote a positive self-image and increases self-esteem in students.

Bower enjoys and encourages this in his students, Robinson parents, and his fellow workers.

For five years he was president of the Agawam Education Association (teacher's union). During that time, he assisted in uniting teachers and parents and encouraged efforts to preserve educational spending in Agawam despite Proposition 2½. He is still on the AEA Executive Board and is presently serving as the chairman of its Salary Team.

During the Presidential Election, Bower and other Adelphi members created a picture-ballot for Robinson's "Mock Election." The entire school was able to participate, even the non-readers. Their results matched the percentage nationwide in the actual campaign election, too.

Bower attended Westfield State College to receive his degree and began his teaching career in Japan. When he returned to the United States, he taught in Enfield for one year.

Perhaps Japan can attribute to some of the high regard Bower has for his career. Education is one of the oldest traditions in all the world, and the Japanese have a deep respect for carrying on ancient customs, he said.

Bower seems to agree that the passing of knowledge onto our youth is important and from his optimistic attitude, it seems to agree with him.

Granger PTO To Sponsor Scholarship Dance March 11th

The Granger Elementary School PTO will sponsor a dance, Saturday, March 11th, at the Polish Club, Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Benefits from the dance will be awarded in scholarships to this year's Agawam High School seniors.

This will be the Fourth Annual Scholarship Dance of the Granger PTO, and the public is invited. Parents of high school students have an opportunity to increase scholarships by having fun at the Polish Club.

DJ Ken Hill will provide the music, and there will be door prizes, raffles, and refreshments served.

Tickets are on sale through Granger PTO members and at the door for \$6 per person. Table reservations can be made by contacting Sandy Dubay, 786-8055, in advance.

Phelps School PTO Slates Health Night March 9th

Phelps School PTO is holding a Health Night for their next general meeting, Tuesday, March 9th, at 7:30 p.m.

Guest speakers will include Dr. Richard Gallerani, optometrist of Feeding Hills; Donna Markowski, school nurse; Pat Buendo, dental hygienist; and a local pediatrician.

A business meeting and refreshments will follow. The public is invited to attend.

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Area Students Named To Dean's List At U of Lowell

Two area residents have been selected for inclusion on the Dean's List at the University of Lowell for the fall semester 1988.

A Dean's List student at the University must achieve a semester rating of not less than 3.0 and no grade of B/C or below.

Named to the Dean's List are: Kimberly S. Hastings, 30 Meadowbrook Road, Agawam; and Laurie A. Desroches, 22 Independence Road, Feeding Hills.

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ACCELERATED READERS at the Agawam Middle School with school Librarian Sylvia Deliso (back). Front row - Annie Blanchfield, Christie Lynn Nader, Catherine Willis, Eric Scott, and Joan Mineo. Back row - Elizabeth McGrew, Danny Barber, Andy Markowski, Genevieve Hugabone, Christina Bousquet, and Tarig Yousef. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE TOP 4 Accelerated Readers at the Agawam Middle School are pictured with Assistant Principal William Sapelli and Assistant Librarian Donna Scherpa. The students are Kelly Carmody, Barbara Bitgood, Christy Dubay, and Molly Landers. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Accelerated Readers Continue To Grow At Middle School

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Agawam Middle School held a party celebration for 126 students on Wednesday, February 15th. These students had earned 10 points or more in the new Accelerated Reader Program for all fifth and sixth grade students.

Coordinated by Project S.E.E. Instructor Evelyn Lester, the school Librarian Sylvia Deliso and her assistant, Donna Scherpa, children had a list of classic books, varied-range subjects, and all levels of reading beginning at third and fourth grade to choose from. "Most of the books were available at the school library, and the Agawam Public Library cooperated as well," said Mrs. Deliso.

"Mr. Ferreira's entire class from grade five participated and, I think the whole class made the party. It was a school-wide venture that has had a very good acceptance," she said.

The students had to take a comprehension test on the computers set-up in Mrs. Lester's room or the school library after reading the books. There were 17 students that received certificates and prizes for scoring 40 points and over. The top four were **Molly Landers** (first place), **Christy Dubay** (second place), **Barbara Bitgood** (third), and **Kelly Carmody** (fourth).

All students that received 20 to 40 points received a Certificate of Merit for their individual efforts. Mrs. Deliso said, "It is the student's own record, and they are not competing against anyone else. The program encourages reading good books and helps the student learn how to get information from the books."

"We will continue the program until May and have another party then. A certain number of points from this party will be added to the new amount of points needed for the second half," she said.

Mrs. Deliso said she was happy to see children that were already good with reading skills as well as children that had difficulty with reading and comprehension chose to participate in this rewarding program.

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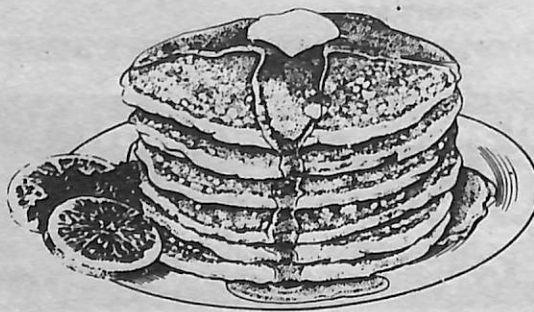
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Steven Wilmes Named By National Merit

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Agawam High School senior Steven A. Wilmes received a letter February 6th from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The letter was to congratulate Wilmes on meeting the "rigorous requirements" for finalist standing in the 1989 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Enclosed with the letter was a "Certificate of Merit" signifying the accomplishment that places Wilmes in "a very select group representing fewer than half of one percent of American high school seniors."

Last fall he was included in a nationwide news announcement that recognized some 15,000 semifinalists who were designated in the current competition. NMSC hopes to increase public awareness of the academic accomplishments by publicizing these names and focus the attention of college officials on high performers in the Merit Program.

The selection of 6,100 winners and offers of the Merit Scholarships will be mailed in March and April. The 14,000 highly-qualified finalists are presently being considered for these awards and three major announcements of winners will follow the offers.

Wilmes is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wilmes, 107 Homes Street, Feeding Hills. He also was presented with the "Rensselaer Medal" for outstanding math and science as a junior last year, along with the semifinalist recognition in NMSC.

We offer our congratulations to Wilmes and best wishes for the realization of success in his future. NMSC said, "We sincerely hope that being honored in this competition will be a source of personal satisfaction and encouragement" to you.

AGAWAM HIGH PRINCIPAL John Morrissey (right) presents Steven A. Wilmes with a certificate congratulating him for being named a finalist in the 1989 National Merit Scholarship Program. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Town Manager's Office Has Applications For Jobs At Town's Camp Rainbow Summer Camp Now Available

Applications are now available at the Town Manager's Office in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, or the Agawam Parks/Recreation Office (located at the Agawam High School) for various counselor positions at Camp Rainbow. Located at Robinson Park School, Camp Rainbow is a day camp for special needs children of Agawam.

Persons who have been previously employed at Camp Rainbow will have preference but are reminded that they must complete an application to be considered.

Positions to be filled include camp director, speech therapist, and nurse/health aide. Head counselors are needed in the fields of physical education, music, arts and crafts, and water safety.

To qualify for the previous positions, one must have extensive background experience in special education.

Five enterprising group leaders are also being sought. To apply for a position of group leader, one must have graduated or be graduating from high school this June and furthering his/her education in the social service's field.

This coming summer there will be six positions open for apprentice counselors (aides). These six people will work on a one-on-one basis with the campers in most need of help. To qualify for an apprentice counselor's position, one must have volunteered at Camp Rainbow for one summer session.

Camp Rainbow will run from July 5th to August 18th, 1989, with a staff day conducted on July 3rd, 1989. Daily camp hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Deadline for returning job applications to the Town Manager's Office will be Friday, May 12th, 1989.

Agawam Trivia Project Getting More Interest

The first phase of the Agawam Trivia Project/Game is nearing completion. The response of the community has been most gratifying and there are only a few spots left on the game board.

Darcy Davis, director of Music at Agawam High, is continuing to seek advertisements for the Trivia Booklets which will be used in playing the game. "A lot of excellent space is available, including the back covers of all of the five different booklets that will be included in each game," said Davis.

A start has been made in collecting material to be processed for inclusion on the game board and questions are still being received. We will continue to accept questions and answers for the booklets through the month of March in all categories—Town History, Local Business, Agawam Sports, Agawam Music and Art, and General Things about the Agawam Community.

A sample of the questions that have come in during the past week:

• Which Agawam High team scored the most points in football against West Springfield and who was the team captain?

• Which building in the Heritage Hall Nursing Home Complex was the first to be built?

• Who was the President of the first Senior Class to graduate from the new high school?

• What Agawam High student won the State Award for Best Jazz Composition three times?

• As of January 1st, 1989, the Agawam Big Y was one of how many Big Y stores?

• What bank is located on the corner of Suffield and Silver Streets?

Robinson Park PTO To Host D.A.R.E. Officer Macey

The Robinson Park PTO will hold an open meeting on Thursday, March 9th, at 7:00 p.m.

Officer Wayne Macey will be present to discuss the D.A.R.E. Program to interested parents.

Representatives from the C.A.P.P. Program (Child Assault Prevention Program) will also be present to discuss the up-and-coming workshops. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Good Dental Health Stressed To Students At Phelps School

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

February was **Dental Health Month** and Phelps Elementary School was visited by Dental Hygienist Pat Buendo to make the children aware of this. She visited each class in grades kindergarten-fourth.

Phelps School Nurse Donna Markowski said, "We hope to allay the fears of going to the dentist. Mrs. Buendo is very good because she works with a dentist."

Mrs. Buendo works in Southwick with Dr. Agia. She explained to the children, "Teeth are important for chewing, smiling, and giving shape to our face. You have two sets of teeth—the primary or baby teeth are lost as we grow so that our teeth can get bigger, too."

A diagram of a tooth (with the separation of the crown that is exposed above the gumline and the root that is below) was drawn on the blackboard to help children see that there is more to the tooth than what we see.

Mrs. Buendo told the children they would have 20 primary teeth and 32 permanent teeth that should last for "the rest of your life."

She showed the children the different shapes of the incisors (front teeth) and said that their "job is to bite or cut"; then she drew the canine teeth that "help to tear the food."

Then Mrs. Buendo showed the children "Mighty Molar" which "grinds" the teeth.

She said, "Our teeth are the strongest thing in our whole body, even stronger than bones. We have to help protect our teeth from their enemies."

She asked children in the kindergarten class if they knew any foes of our teeth. Most responded with "cavities" and she said, "Mighty Molar's biggest enemy is 'Mr. Plaque'."

"Plaque is made of tiny little germs that we cannot see and that hide on your teeth. Sweets like soda, candy, and gums make 'Mr. Plaque' drool all over your teeth and cause cavities," noted Mrs. Buendo.

She explained that brushing your teeth "very good—even in places we can't see" and fluoride were two things to help prevent plaque and cavities.

Producing a large set of model teeth and a large toothbrush, she showed the children the proper way to brush in the pits and grooves, all the way around. She said, "We should lightly brush the tongue, too, because 'Mr. Plaque' likes to hide there, too."

She asked the children to give some examples of healthy snacks that would prevent plaque build-up. Apples, peanuts, popcorn, milk, bananas, and peanut butter were all suggested.

Mrs. Buendo then asked the children about what their mom did with the brown spots on apples and the children said that it was usually cut off. She told the children that a cavity on their teeth was like that brown spot and the dentist had to drill out the brown spots and put in silver fillings.

She showed the children the small cup used at the dentist office to fill with toothpaste for cleaning and the pick for getting between the teeth. She also showed the children some x-rays and explained that it was taking a picture of your teeth.

After the demonstration, children were allowed to come up to look at the visual aides and Mrs. Buendo had some books about the dentist and teeth for follow-up reinforcement.



PAT BUENDO, a dental hygienist in Southwick, is pictured with Phelps School Nurse Donna Markowski at a program promoting Dental Health Month. Students in the photo are Marie Buendo, Ann Paquette, and Jason MacKay. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Wednesday, March 8th: Hamburg in roll, steamed rice, harvard beets, spiced applesauce, or vanilla pudding, milk.

Thursday, March 9th: Meatballs with spaghetti sauce, parsley macaroni noodles, mixed vegetables, Italian bread and butter, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

Friday, March 10th: Oven baked fish nuggets, oven french fries, niblet corn, ice cream, milk.

Agawam PAC Group Cancels Meeting On March 8th

The Agawam Parents' Advisory Council for Special Needs Children (PAC) would like to advise parents that because of a scheduling problem, there will be no meeting on Wednesday, March 8th. The guest speaker for this meeting, Nancy Donnelly, will be scheduled for another time.

The PAC would like parents to know that there will be a meeting on Wednesday, March 22nd, at the Agawam Junior High School cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.

At this time the guest will be Debbie Crane from the Federation for Children. Ms. Crane will be discussing the Individual Education Plan (I.E.P.).

The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting. Anyone having questions concerning this meeting can contact Michelle Dunn, PAC chairwoman, 786-9397.



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According to its President, Greg Fuchs, a 1973 graduate of Agawam High School and former Agawam resident, Fox Financial Aid Services was founded under the precept that every individual should have the opportunity to reach their ultimate potential. This opportunity eludes many students, however, due to the escalating costs of higher education. College tuition and services continue to increase by 5 percent to 10 percent annually.

The most recent reports indicate that tuition now averages \$7,963 a year at private institutions and \$1,485 a year at public institutions. When the cost of room, board and incidentals are included, the total cost for attending college becomes prohibitive for many students and their parents. For the students who are fortunate enough to attend an institution of higher learning, they are often forced to settle for those schools which lie in the range of their present budget.

For a nominal fee, FFAS guarantees a student 5 to 25 sources of financial aid. The student then applies directly to the organization that is awarding the financial aid. The majority of the students who apply to the sources they are given receive some type of financial aid.

According to Fuchs, the financial aid comes in all forms (scholarships, grants, loans, etc.) and can range from a few hundred dollars to full tuition for four years. A student's academic standing and their financial need are generally not a factor in determining a student's eligibility for aid either, he stated.

An estimated \$5 million in financial aid goes unused each year simply because people either don't know it's available or they don't know how to apply for it. There are literally thousands of corporations, individuals and trusts which award funds to students each year. Some organizations give away just one award each year while others may give away hundreds of awards each year.

Bill Cosby and David Letterman are just two of the many celebrities who award scholarships each year. Many of the financial aid sources are based on the student's area of academic interest while others are based on criteria such as a student having been a boy or girl scout, a golf caddie or a newspaper boy. Or perhaps a student's parent is a veteran or a member of a union. The list of organizations who award financial aid and their criteria for doing so is endless.

In addition to the financial aid matching service, FFAS also offers two other services for students. One is a four-year college matching service wherein FFAS will generate a list of all colleges and universities that meet a student's given criteria (i.e. field of study, geographic location, size of enrollment, etc.). The list will state the name, address, and telephone number of the college along with general information about the college and pertinent application information.

Studies show that over 50 percent of the students who earn a bachelor's degree will not obtain it from the first college they chose to attend. Transferring usually means a loss of time, effort, and hard earned money in one's college education. By selecting the college best suited for themselves at the onset, the student will be doing themselves a great favor.

The other service is an athletic award matching program. This service is for the student athlete who wishes to participate in a sport while in college and wishes to locate a college which will pay for all or part of their education. FFAS has scholarships for over 40 sports in colleges all over America in its data base.

Both male and female student athletes at varying levels of ability are eagerly sought by colleges nationwide. Yet thousands never even apply for these important (and often unused) financial aid sources simply because they don't know about the wide variety of athletic scholarships for which they can indeed qualify.

In this ever changing and complex world, a college degree is no longer a luxury; it is a necessity! Selecting the proper college and finding a way to pay for it is an area in which students and parents alike need assistance and direction. School guidance counselors, with hundreds of students to serve, simply cannot give each student the attention they deserve. And that is why Fox Financial Aid Services was founded—to proudly change a young person's dreams into reality!

Juniors and seniors in high school as well as freshmen and sophomores in college are eligible to use FFAS's services. Fox Financial Aid Services can be contacted at: P.O. Box 653, South Windsor, CT, 06074, or (203) 644-9310 and (800) USA-1221, extension 9005.

Robinson Park Spotlited In Magazine

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Robinson Park Elementary School was spotlighted for its cultural enrichment program on Japan in the January 1989 issue of *The Clearing House*.

Published by the Massachusetts Department of Education, this newsletter is sent to members of the School Improvement Councils around the state.

The SIC for each school in Agawam is comprised of the school's principal, teachers, parents, community representatives, and, in the secondary levels, students. Funds appropriated to the SIC are established by a state formula.

This year the grant equaled the number of students enrolled in 1987 at each school multiplied by \$9.82.

The intensive two-month study of Japanese culture exposed the children to many facets of the customs and history. Comparisons were made on the lifestyles of the crowded island people and ours in the United States.

"*The Clearing House*" said, "Fourth graders participated in a reenactment of a traditional tea ceremony in an authentic replica of a Japanese tea house which was constructed for the occasion."

Nobue Yamashita from Mount Holyoke College led the performance of the "Cha-no-yu," and second grade classes were invited to view the ritual ceremony. This tradition portrayed the indigenous Eastern culture's importance in Japan throughout the centuries.

The publication added, "Another highlight of the program was a visit and demonstration of Japanese

calligraphy by an artist from the Springfield Museum."

Artist Nini Marshall transformed each student's "name-sounds" into picturesque symbols of Katana or Hiragana calligraphy. She taught the children that Japanese students must learn two separate alphabets with 51 characters each, as well as the "Kangi" from China that contains 1,945 symbols before they can graduate.

Mrs. Marshall also brought in some traditional ceremonial ornaments used in national holiday celebrations in Japan. She described the holidays and told the children about the replicas and formal dress.

The culmination of the program was also complimented in "*The Clearing House*" article when they praised Robinson Park by adding, "a whole school assembly presentation by the Enchanted Circle Theater integrated dance, drama, and storytelling in its presentation of classic Japanese folk tales."

The actors from the Circle Theatre returned to the stage after their performances to answer questions from their student audience.

Principal Barbara Skolnick seemed to enjoy the cultural program as much as the children at Robinson. She said she was delighted to learn that Robinson had been featured in the state publication for "an exemplary program in the state done through SIC funds."

She said, "I think this is the first Agawam School that has been so noted."

SEE ROBINSON PARK - Page 46...

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DURING "RED LETTER DAY" at Robinson Park Elementary School, students Jason Walkowsky and Heather Nadeau give letters to school Principal Barbara Skolnick (center) and school Nurse Hilda Bartnik. Advertiser

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ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL cafeteria worker Petee Silvestrini receives her "Red Letter" from students Anthony Bosini and Jill Trager. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"Red Letter Day" Held At Robinson Park

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

"Red Letter Day" is another Adelphi Project to promote good feeling among children for each other and the people around them, according to Principal Barbara Skolnick.

Robinson Park Elementary School students set aside a special day to write letters to each other. Mrs. Skolnick explained, "The letters should contain something positive about that child and can be written to adults in the building, too. They can thank adults or just be friendly to them and each other."

The kindergarten children with their fourth grade

buddies delivered the letters around the school building. School Secretary Alice Quick, whose husband works at the Springfield Post Office, was able to secure authentic mailboxes for the children.

The "Buddy System" is another positive force at Robinson that deals with older children helping the younger children and involves everybody. The "Buddy System" with fourth graders assisting the kindergarten students was also responsible for the youngest pupils' participation in letter writing for this event.

A special Teddy Bear with a heart letter form was

devised so that everyone's letters were on the same kind of stationery.

After the letters were written, a special time was set aside and a theme was developed. Everyone in the school wore red that day and thus, "Red Letter Day" evolved.

Mrs. Skolnick added, "This project has academic value as well for the children. Kindergarten through fourth grade students learn how to compose and write a friendly letter."

ROBINSON PARK - From Page 44...

Many innovative and enriching programs have been instituted through the use of SIC funds at Agawam Schools. Perhaps the key to the success of this council is the fact that parents are directly involved with school activities. The home-school partnership makes the business of teaching, as well as learning, a rewarding experience for students, teachers, and parents alike.

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The Children's School Has Visit From US Postal Service

The Children's School, 900 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, celebrated Valentine's Day with a visit from Bernie Paine, child alert coordinator for the United States Postal Service in Springfield.

Paine talked to the children about the many duties of postal workers along with personal safety tips.

The children were given stickers and postal pictures to color. It was an interesting and educational experience that was enjoyed by all.

Jr. High Parents Asked To Attend Special Development Night

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

The Agawam Junior High will host a "Parent Development Night" at 6:30 p.m., on Monday, March 13th.

Parents can learn how students are placed in various programs at seventh, eighth, and ninth grade levels, and the choices available to ninth graders going to Agawam High School next year.

Middle School Guidance Counselor Ellen Freeman will be on hand to explain how the youngsters are recommended for different programming at the Junior High School from the Middle School.

The Junior High Guidance Department, Jane Lucardi (seventh), Ann Marie Gould (eighth), and Frank Meagher (ninth) will describe what is available at the various levels and concentrate on the primary concern of parents as to how a student is programmed.

Agawam High School Guidance Department Chairman Paul Cavallo will overview the expectations at the high school for ninth grade students who are "looking up the road to amassing enough credits to graduate, as well as attend the college of their choice," according to Principal Thomas O'Keefe.

Junior high administrators O'Keefe, John Ferrero, and Kevin Littlefield will also review "the general operation of the junior high building and what students can expect about the general operations and expectations that we have for them in this building," said O'Keefe.

O'Keefe added, "There will be handouts for the parents and specifics of their student's grade level. We hope to supply enough information to assist the parents and give them a better understanding of how youngsters might select courses.

"Shortly after this date, information will be coming home to parents for kids to be making their choices. This is an attempt of the school to reach out and inform parents and answer legitimate concerns that parents may have."

"Parent Development" is a direct result of parental feedback voiced at the organizational meeting February 13th for a parent support group at the junior high. Parents met to find out what the junior high could do for them and what they could do for the school.

The School Improvement Council has allotted seed money for a parent support group formation this year, and it was approved by the School Committee in February.

The parent support group hopes to foster ways in which a positive attitude is adopted about every student's ability to succeed through better understanding and closer communication between parents, teachers, and students.

Free Family Programs At Science Museum March 11th

Free family programs of African music and folktales will be presented at the Springfield Science Museum on Saturday, March 11th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

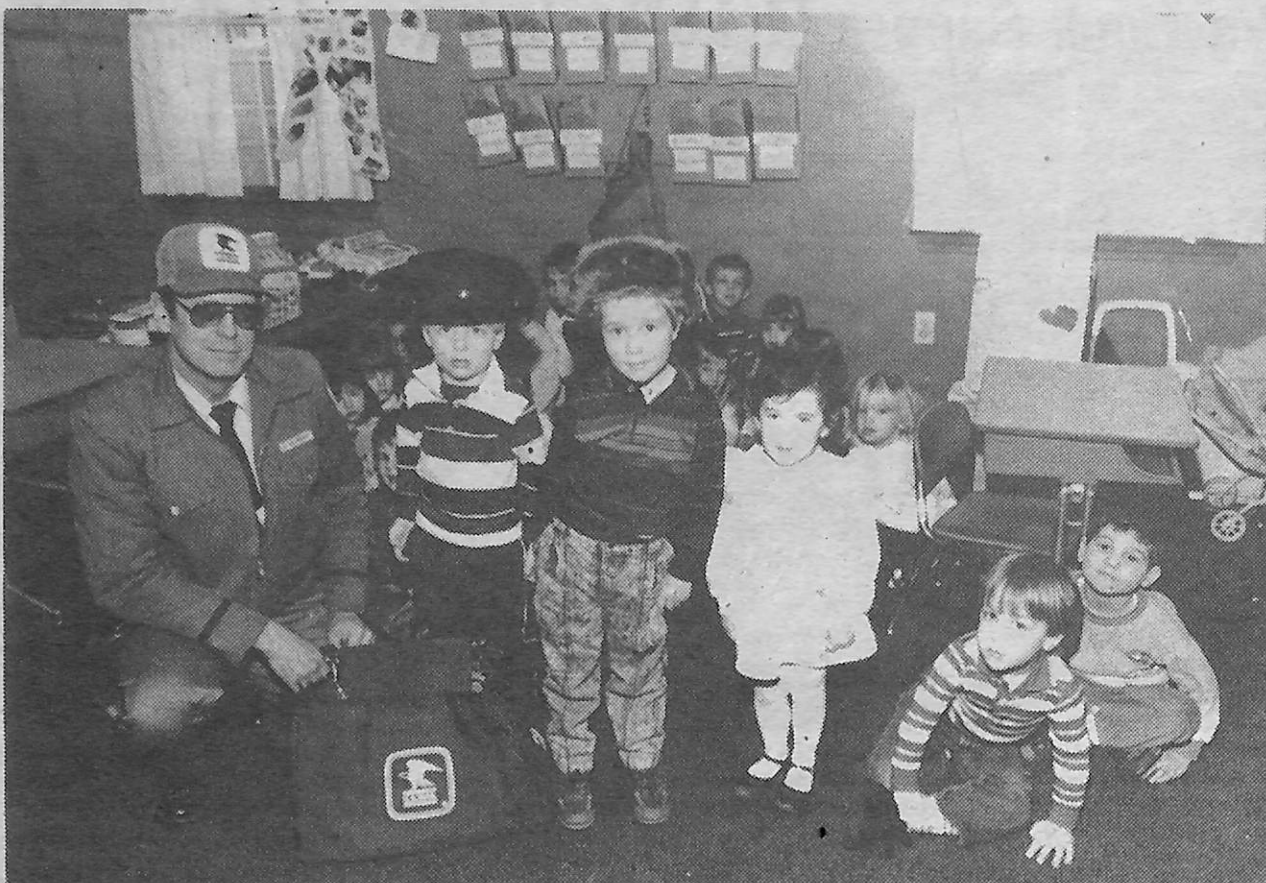
Tony Vacca of Shutesbury will perform on a variety of percussion instruments including the balafon and drums. Vacca will be joined by storyteller Eshu Bumpus who will regale the audience with Trickster Tales and story-songs.

In addition, every Saturday and Sunday afternoon from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., visitors to the Springfield Science Museum's R.E. Phelon African Hall can participate in hands-on gallery demonstrations of African cultural artifacts. A variety of musical instruments, household objects, fabrics, dolls, and games are explained, and visitors of all ages have the opportunity to try them out.

The African Hall demonstrations and performances are made possible with a grant from the Springfield Arts Lottery Council.

The Science Museum is a unit of the Springfield Library and Museums Association, a private, non-profit organization. The museum is located on the Quadrangle at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets

All the hometown news with us, every week!!!



U.S. POSTAL EMPLOYEE Bernie Paine from the Springfield branch paid a visit to students at the Children's School on 900 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills on Valentine's Day. Paine is an Agawam resident. Kids in the photo are Sean McKeever, Michael Coughlin, and Sarah Hersey. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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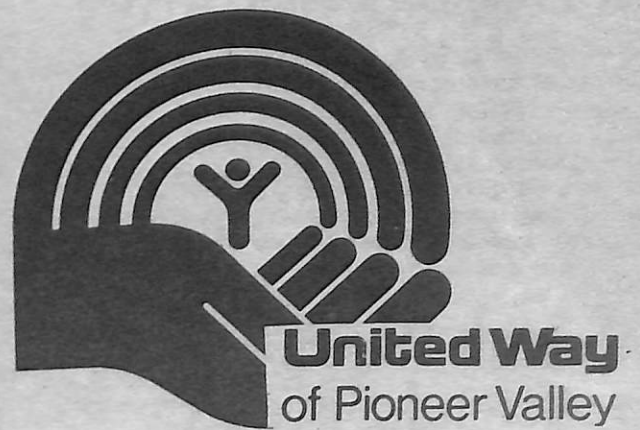
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Pot Luck Supper Held By Agawam High AFS



THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTER of American Field Service (AFS) held a family Pot Luck Supper on Thursday, February 16th, at the school's cafeteria. Pictured above are foreign students, from left - Tulin Pervane (visiting AFS student in San Francisco), and AHS seniors Jessika Tillander (Sweden), Aylin Pervane (Turkey), and Nancy Jara (Paraguay). Tulin is Aylin's twin sister. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH AFS FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS Patricia Jones and Janice Schermerhorn attended the February 16th Pot Luck Supper in the school's cafeteria. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH SENIOR EDDIE HASTINGS will be traveling to a foreign country next fall as part of a one-year AFS exchange. Hastings is pictured with his proud parents, Arthur & Barbara Hastings. Also in photo is AFS faculty Advisor Mary Ellen Bruce-Hanrahan (left). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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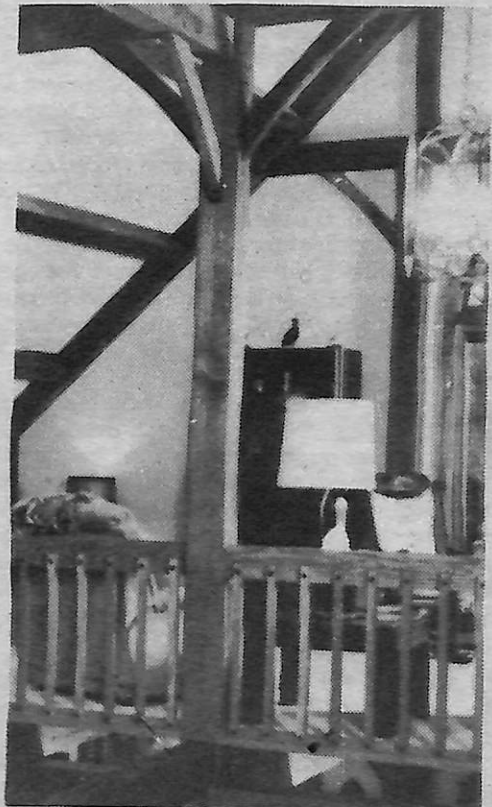
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Elizabeth Korza Wins American Legion Award We're All Set...



COMMANDER FRED BARBER (right) of the Agawam American Legion presents the Post 185 "Oratorical Contest Award" to Agawam High student Elizabeth Korza. Miss Korza won a \$100 scholarship for her efforts. Also in photo, from left - AHS Principal John Morrissey, Post 185 Project Chairman Edward L. Hottin, and faculty Advisor Larry O'Brien. Morrissey and O'Brien each received "Certificates of Appreciation." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Easter Reschedules "Miss Agawam"

The 1989 Miss Agawam Beauty Pageant will be held on Friday, March 31st, instead of Saturday, March 25th, due to the holy Easter season.

The program will again be directed and produced by Lori Andruss-Boyle of the Miss Pioneer Valley Association. Judges will be from various modeling agencies throughout the Boston area.

The event will take place at 7:00 p.m., in the Agawam High School auditorium.

Three divisions will be established—"Miss" (15 to 18 years-old); "Teen" (12 to 14 years-old); and "Junior" (9 to 11 years-old—new division).

Entry forms are available at the Agawam Parks/Recreation Office (located at the Agawam High School, rear entrance), the Agawam Junior High School Office, and the Agawam Middle School Office. Entry fee for the pageant will be \$15 per person.

An optional photogenic category will be offered for \$10. All necessary information is contained in the entry form.

Westfield YMCA Schedules Spring Class Registration

Westfield: Registration for spring classes at the Westfield YMCA starts February 27th to March 5th. Classes start the week of March 6th-April 29th. This includes Adult Fitness and Swim Classes, along with Youth Sports, Swim Lessons, and Vacation Activities.

Register in person at the Westfield YMCA, 67 Court Street, Westfield, or call for more specific information on times and prices, 568-8631.



PERRY LANE PARK Nursery School members Stephanie Sadowski and Matthew Levesque are all set for a big morning at the Rollaway Skating Rink on Main Street. RELATED PHOTOS ON PAGE 51. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Camp Rainbow Applications Available At Park & Rec

Applications are now available for Camp Rainbow, a day camp for special needs children of Agawam. Applications may be picked-up at the Agawam Parks/Recreation Office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or at the special education department at your child's school.

The camp will be held at Robinson Park School, Monday through Friday, beginning Wednesday, July 5th, and ending Thursday, August 17th.

Deadline for submitting applications will be on June 16th. Please return the application to the Agawam Parks/Recreation Department, located at the Agawam High School, right, rear entrance. Follow the signs. If you wish to return the application by mail, please send it to the Agawam Parks/Recreation Department, 760R Cooper Street, Agawam, MA, 01001.

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by Ralph Rachele

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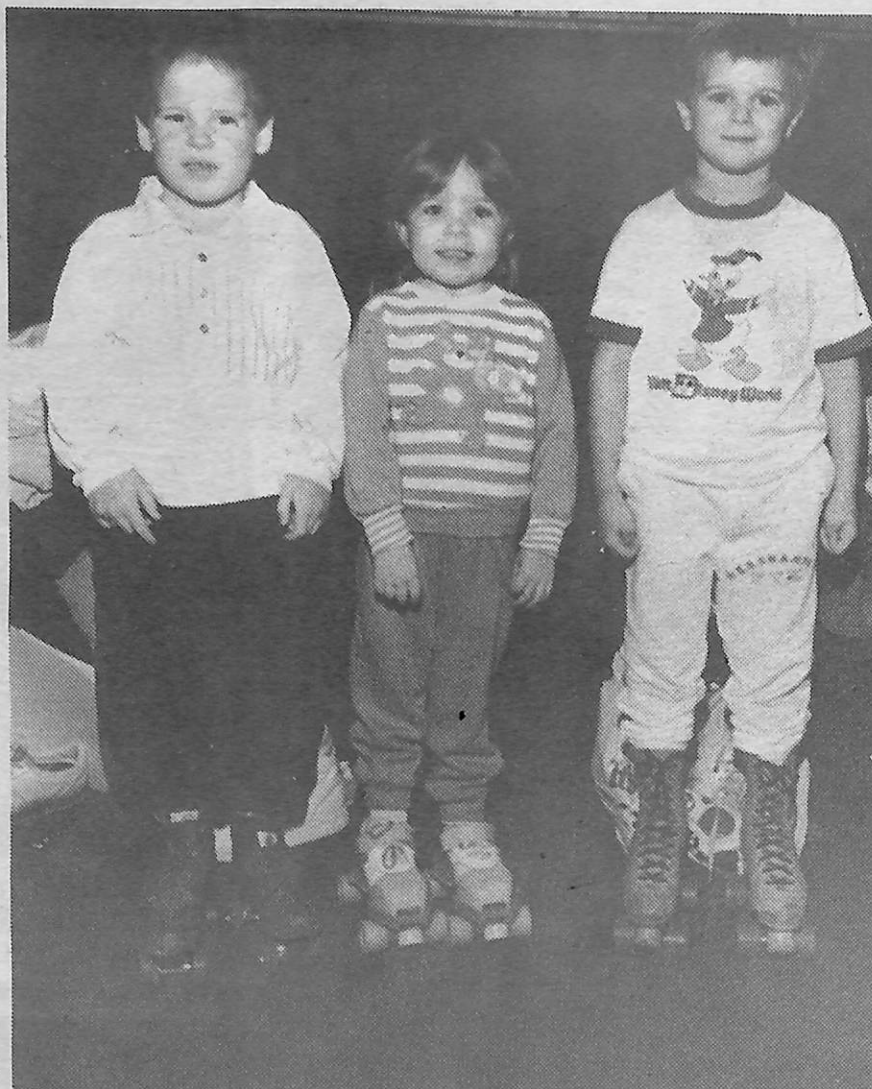
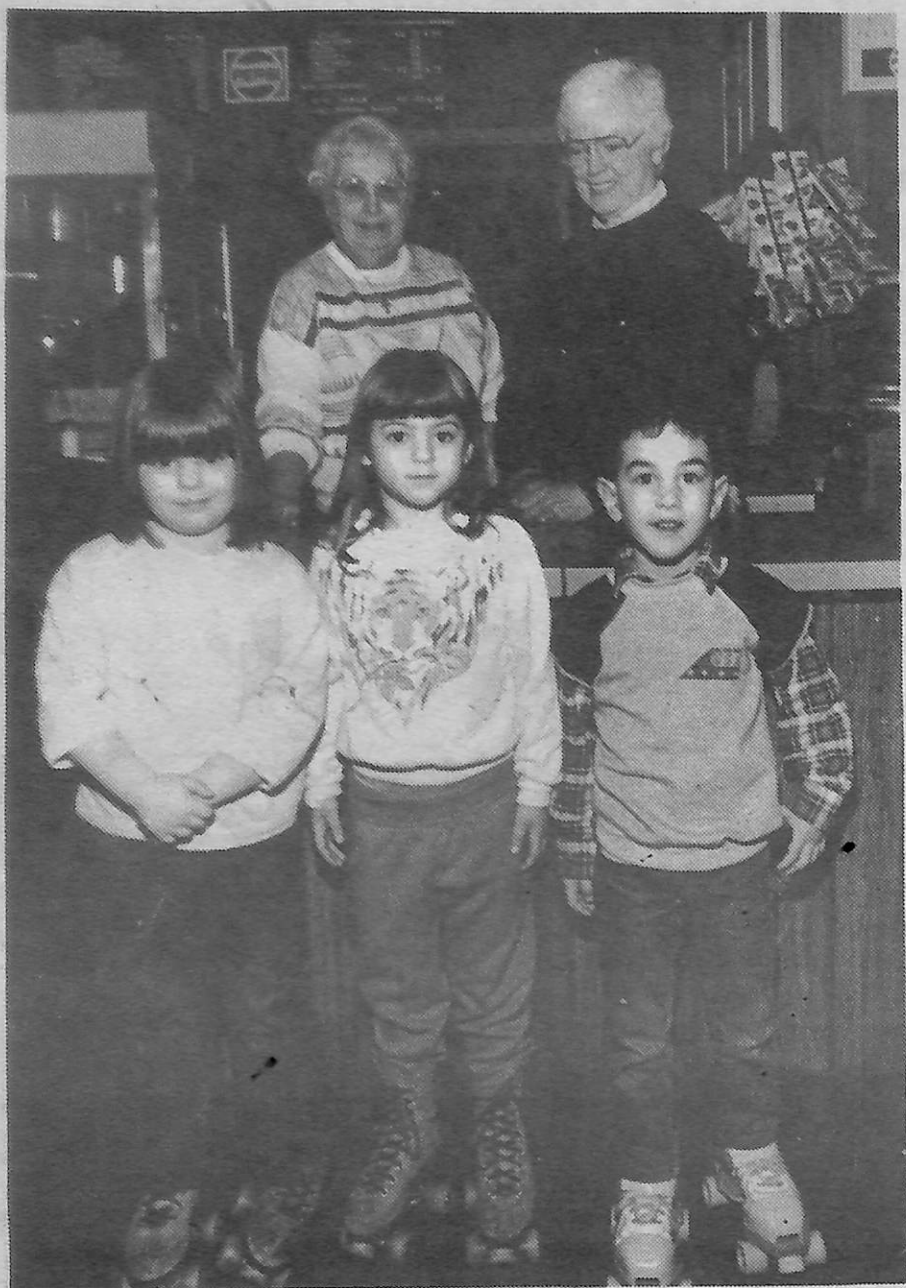
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Rollaway Rink Visited By Perry Lane Park Kids



RECENTLY STUDENTS from the town's Perry Lane Park Nursery School visited the Rollaway Rink on Main Street, Agawam. IN PHOTO LEFT, Rollaway owner Susan Maiolo (right) and Phyllis Squazza keep a close eye on students Amanda Rozanski, Jennifer Sharpe, and Adam Rovithis; pictured in PHOTO RIGHT are youngsters Michael McGeoghan, Leah Collins, and Matthew Pereira. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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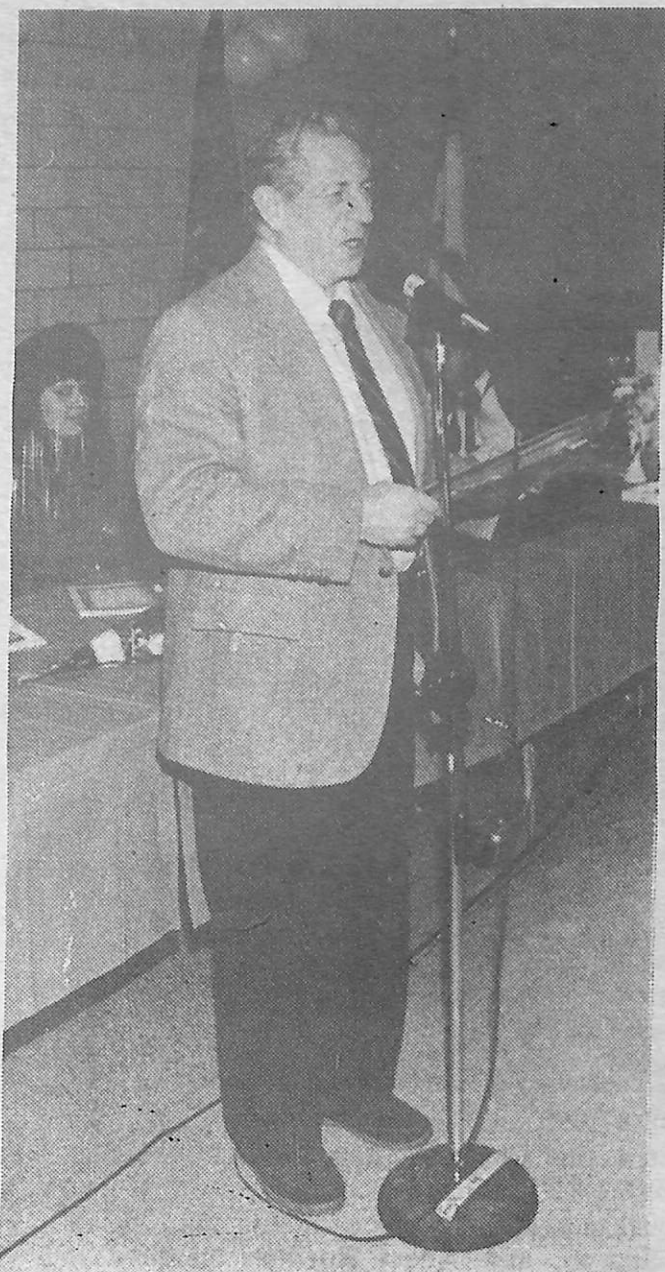
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Awards Night Honors AHS Marching Mohawks



AHS MUSIC DIRECTOR Darcy Davis heaps praise on his 1988-89 Marching Mohawks at the recent Awards Banquet. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AHS COLORGUARD members pose by the hardware the group has won at the Annual Awards Banquet. From left - Terri Cimaroli, senior drum major; Sarah White, junior drum major; Debbie Garrity, Colorguard co-captain; Jody Melanson, rifle captain; and Wendy Ziemba, colorguard co-captain. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SENIOR DRUM MAJOR TERRI CIMAROLI presented all band members with t-shirts stating that all Marching Mohawks stand by in everything they do. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



BAND PARENT OFFICERS for 1988-89 include, from left - Dee Ziegert, second vice-president; Joanne Fisher, first vice-president; Mary White, president; Pat Daubney, treasurer; and Ann Jackobek, secretary. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH BAND OFFICERS for 1988-89, pictured at the recent Awards Night Banquet. Standing, from left - Kim Hebert, vice-president; Jim Russell, band manager; and Keturah Allen, secretary. Front row - Chris Fillion, president, and Karen Jackobek, librarian. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Air National Guard At Barnes Has Openings

The excitement of a rewarding part-time military career working with jet fighters as well as a \$2,000 cash bonus may be just a phone call away for a few qualified local residents.

The Air National Guard at Barnes Airport in Westfield is offering enlistment opportunities in Aircraft Armament Systems, due to a recent authorization for additional personnel in that area. A "buddy system" training program is available on a first-come, first-served basis for persons without prior military service who wish to attend initial training together. Training dates will begin in June and September.

Training consists of six weeks basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Following basic training, individuals will attend technical training in Denver, then work at Barnes on the A-10 jet fighter aircraft for 30 days.

Upon completion of their training, the new Air Guard members will revert to civilian status, participating in one weekend of duty each month and two weeks of annual training. The annual training is often at an overseas location, giving members a chance to travel world-wide.

Other benefits of Air Guard membership include 100 percent free tuition eligibility at state-run colleges immediately upon completion of military training as well as Exchange buying privileges, life insurance, and free space-available flights on military aircraft.

The aircraft armament job is considered a critical skill necessary to unit mission in the Air National Guard. To qualify for the career field, applicants must be high school seniors or graduates. They must pass a written exam, have normal color vision, depth perception and hearing, and be otherwise qualified on an enlistment physical examination.

Bay Path College To Offer Course To Start Own Business

Bay Path College, in cooperation with the U.S. Small Business Administration, will once again offer a six-session conference entitled "How To Start Your Own Business." Open to both men and women as part of the College's Adult Education Program, sessions will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Monday evenings beginning March 6th.

The first session on March 6th, **Planning for a New Business**, will be taught by Henry Zephir, CPA, of Zephir & Company, East Longmeadow.

Session two, **Legal Considerations of a Small Business**, will be on March 13th, with Attorney Gary G. Breton, of Bacon, Wilson, Ratner, Cohen, Salvage, Fialky & Fitzgerald, P.C., Springfield.

The third session on March 20th, **Financing Your Business**, will be led by Robert Burke, vice president and commercial loan officer of Multibank National of Western Massachusetts.

Session four on March 27th, **How to Promote a New Small Business**, will feature Joseph Radding, treasurer of Radding Signs, Springfield; and session five on April 3rd, **The Importance of Financial Record Keeping and Financial Statements**, will be with Jonathan Fein of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

The sixth session on April 10th, **Success-Failure Factors in Business**, will be in the form of a panel discussion moderated by Louis Del Padre, owner of Del Padre Entertainment Center. Panelists will include Claire Falcone of Rocky Home Centers, and Sol Freeman of SCORE.

A detailed brochure with registration form is available by contacting Bay Path's Office of Adult Programs.



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Parent Info Night Set For Kindergarten

In preparation for Agawam's Kindergarten registration, a parent information night will be held on Thursday, March 16th, at 7:00 p.m., at Robinson Park School.

Parents of all children entering kindergarten in September 1989 are invited to attend. The program will be to answer questions parents might have in regard to their child entering school in September 1989.

Children who will be five years-old prior to October 1st, 1989 are eligible for enrollment in kindergarten in September 1989.

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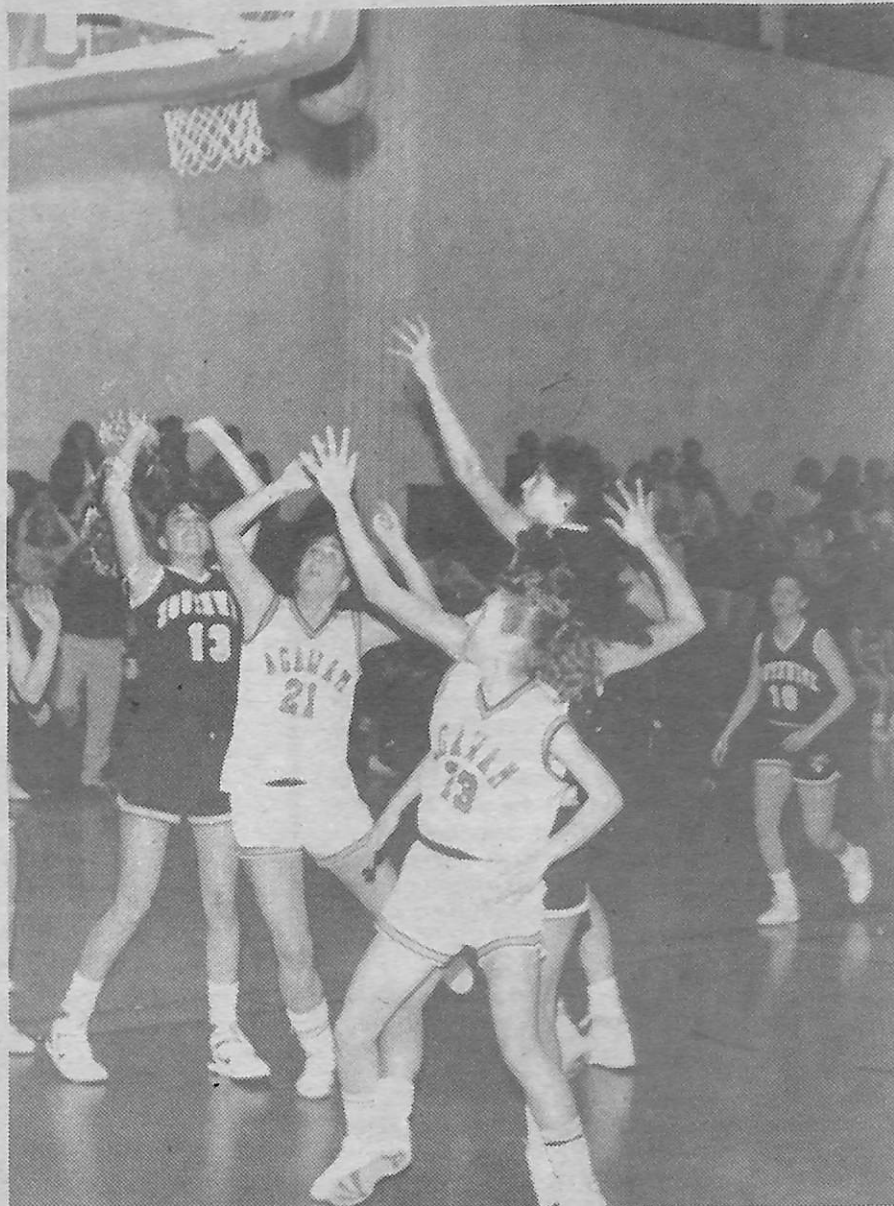
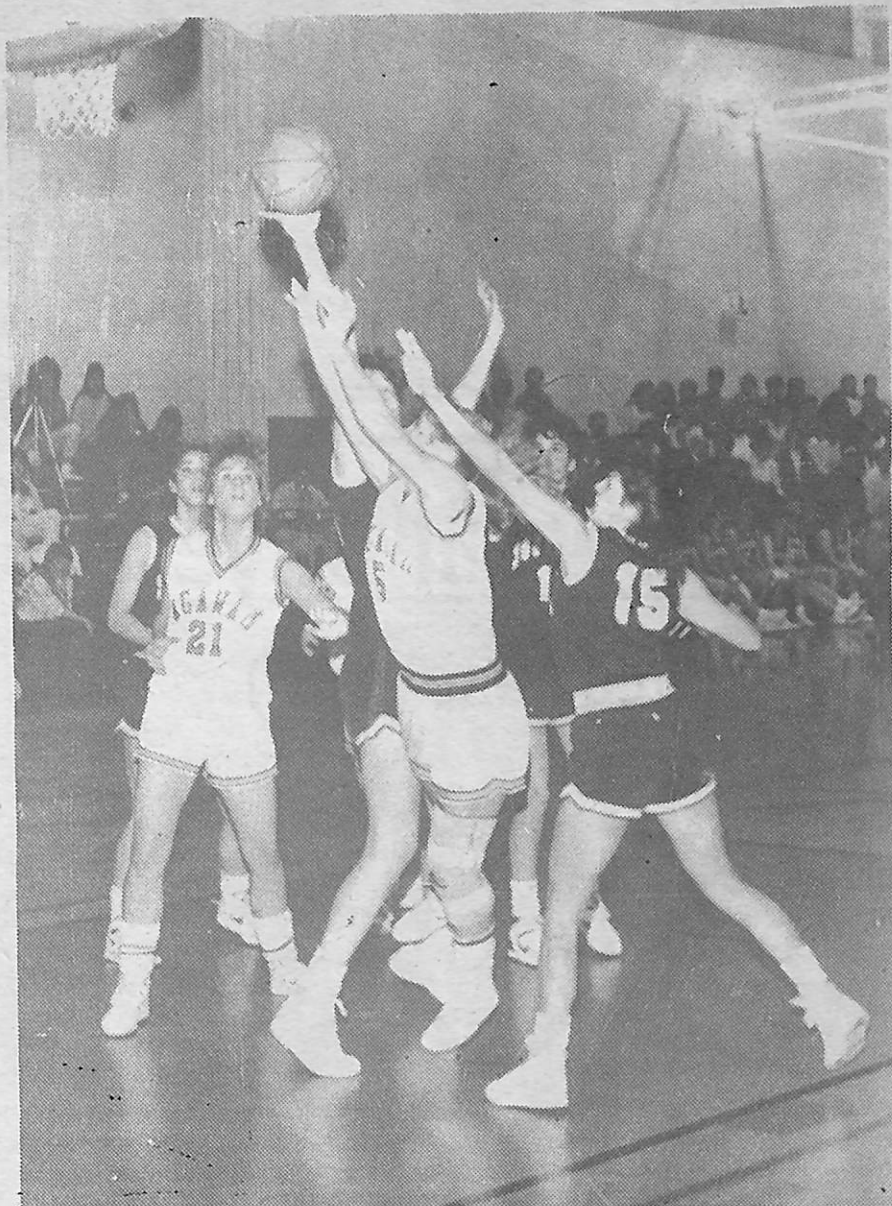


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Sports



ONE THING IS FOR SURE - coach Lou Conte's swarming Brownies are always around the ball. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Conte's Girls Get 2nd Seed; Set For Comp Quarterfinal

by Scott Miller
Advertiser News Staff

Senior Lori DeSimone's 31-point effort was more than enough to propel the Agawam High girls' basketball team to an easy, 71-46 victory over Minnechaug Regional, Friday, February 24th, in Wilbraham.

The victory capped the Brownies' second straight Valley Wheel title and also placed the locals as the number two seed in the Western Mass. Division I Tournament.

Agawam, 16-4 overall, is seeded behind 18-1 Cathedral. The Brownies will host defending Western Mass. champ Chicopee Comp (11-7) on Saturday, March 4th, at 7:00 p.m., at the AHS gym.

DeSimone was 13-21 from the field with 14 first half points as the Brownies pounded the Falcons into near submission by the half, 37-16.

The senior guard's performance left her six points shy of the 1,000 point mark, something she should surely surpass on Saturday night. She would become the first AHS female to ever break the 1,000-point barrier.

Recently-returned senior Cathy Scaggs followed with 12 points and a game-high 8 rebounds. Junior Karen Patterson contributed 9 points while dishing-out 15 assists. Joy Clark added 7 points while Lisa Suffriti tossed in 6. Traci Trudel canned 4 from the inside and Sharon Phaneuf had 2. Senior Missy Danio worked the boards for 6 rebounds.

Coach Lou Conte was more than pleased with the effort and declared his team tournament-ready.

"We played hard after a tough loss Wednesday (60-43 vs. Division powerhouse Southwick High). We executed well and played our type of game (run, create havoc with pressure defense).

Meeting Comp in the quarterfinals this Saturday night is just the type of incentive the Brownies need. The Colts gave AHS its first loss of the season, 52-42 in January and put a halt to a five-game winning streak.

In this contest Comp exploited the only true weakness AHS has to deal with - the opposition pounding the inside. Conte feels his more-experienced team is ready for Comp this time.

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GIRLS' HOOP - From Page 54...

"Comp is definitely a team that rises to the occasion. Their height advantage was definitely a factor as was our immaturity at that point of the season. But we've accomplished a lot since then and we have Cathy (Scaggs) back, so I think we're ready for them," said Conte.

In the January 3rd meeting vs. Comp, Clark led the Brownies with 14. Patterson had 9 and DeSimone and Trudel canned 7 each.

Conte believes an opening round win would be a tremendous boost to the program. "The success we've had this year is a tribute to the girls' efforts. We grabbed the second seed in the tournament and our second straight Valley Wheel title.

"The girls deserve all the credit for this. The only people in our way to the state championship are ourselves," noted Conte.

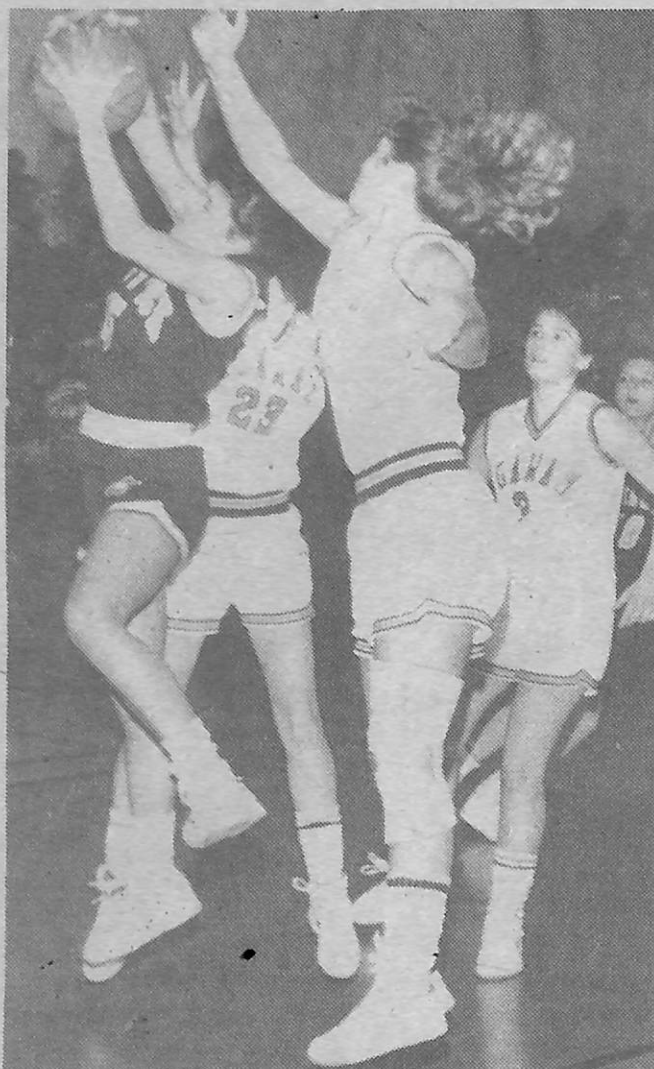
One team that definitely has a legitimate shot at the Division II state championship is once-beaten Southwick (20-1), a school that continues to plague AHS girls' sports (field hockey, basketball, and track).

This important independent clash saw sophomore superstar Rebecca Lobo of Southwick, who already has surpassed the 1,000 point barrier, score 22 points en route to a 17-point victory. Lobo's sister, Rachel, contributed 14, including 12 in the first half to subdue the Brownies.

The locals survived the first quarter and only trailed, 18-14, but were flatter than a week-old can of soda in period two when they scored just two points. Luckily, Southwick could muster just eight points of its own, but it was 26-16 at the half.

Rebecca Lobo dominated the third quarter and took a 46-28 advantage after outscoring AHS by a 20-12 margin.

"We really didn't show up for this one. We shot maybe 25 to 30 percent and had too many turnovers," said Conte. "We tried to concentrate on Rebecca, but Rachel hurt us with her 12 points in the first half. We were soundly beaten. They were definitely 17 points better than we were that night."



TRACI TRUDEL and JOY CLARK in heavy traffic under the Agawam basket in a 60-43 loss to Southwick High. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

GUARD JASON WOOLEY goes up for an easy basket vs. West Springfield. Moving in to help is Joe Modzelewski (21).

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Brownie Hoopsters End Campaign At 9-11

by Scott Miller
Advertiser News Staff

Last Friday night, February 24th, the 9-11 Agawam High basketball Brownies took care of their part of the bargain in a desperate attempt to qualify for the Western Mass. Division I Tournament for the third straight year.

The deal was this - if the Brownies could beat Minnechaug Regional and Chicopee Comp would lose its game at West Springfield, the Brownies would sneak in by way of a second place tie with Comp and West Side in the Valley Wheel (Brownies finished 5-5 in the VW).

Senior John Serra made sure the locals kept their part of the scenario with a torrid 30-point effort in what would prove to be his last game in an orange and brown uniform.

Serra's season-high output, including five three-point bombs, led the Brownies to a 64-44 victory over the outclassed Falcons.

But the bad news for AHS came when Comp, the team that defeated the Brownies in the Division I Finals in 1988, engineered a clutch, 88-73 victory over West Side. This killed the Brownies' tournament hopes.

Actually, the Brownies saw a strong possibility of getting into post-season play dim considerably three days earlier (Tuesday, February 21st) when the Westfield Bombers dealt them a crushing defeat.

In defeating Minnechaug, the Brownies continued to assault the hoop from long range. Junior Jason Wooley (12 points) had a trio of three-pointers, and senior guard Aaron Vanderhoof added a pair of hoops from three-point land. Vanderhoof ended his AHS career with 10 points.

Junior frontliner Matt Gibby added 6 points to the winning cause, while Erich Fogg, another senior, added 4.

The locals came out gunning in this one and with plenty of intensity. The first period was a 22-9 rout and AHS never seriously looked back.

Serra's 12 points highlighted the big first quarter which saw the Falcons' zone defense easily picked apart by five three-pointers by the Brownies.

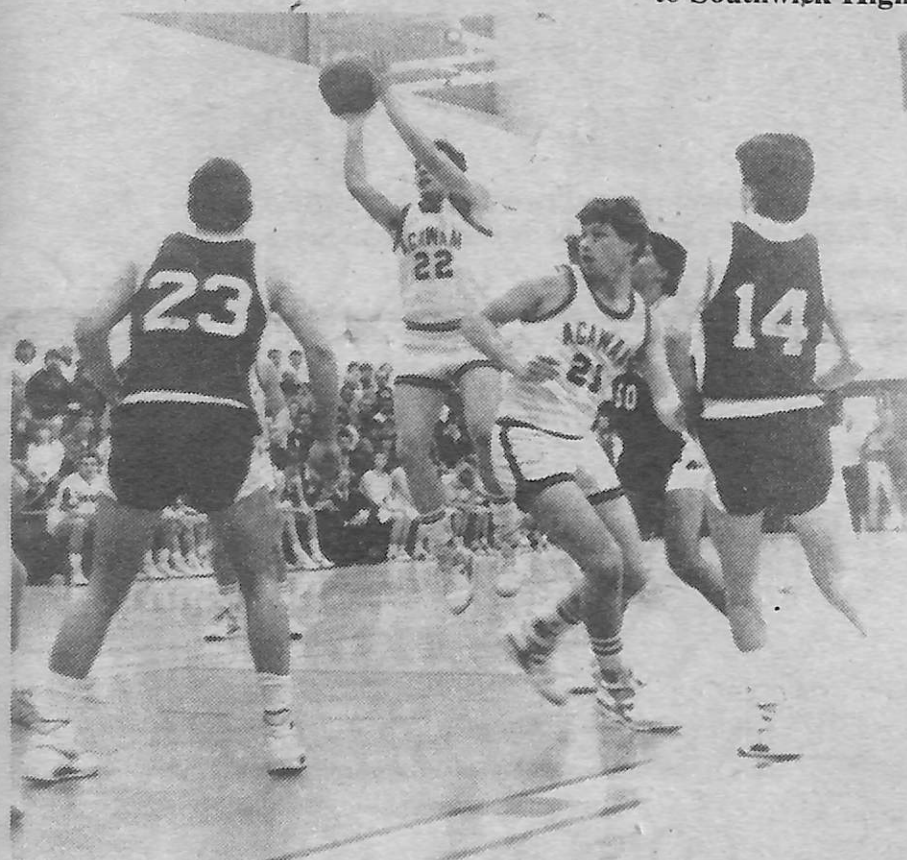
The Falcons did play their best hoop in the second quarter when they outscored the Brownies, 14-6, including six points from the foul line as the Brownies began to foul. It was 28-23 at the half.

The third period was all Agawam when Wooley opened with the first of his bombs from the outside. Wooley exploded for 10 points in the quarter during a 26-10 run that put the locals well into the comfort zone at 54-33.

The Brownies spent most of the final stanza trying to improve their Western Mass. record for three-point field goals in a game (11). Their last seven shots were all failed three-point attempts.

Agawam Recreation Dept. Sets Suburban Football Sign-Ups

Sign-ups for both the fifth/sixth grade and seventh/eighth grade suburban football teams will be held at the Agawam Junior High School Cafeteria, Saturday, March 4th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.





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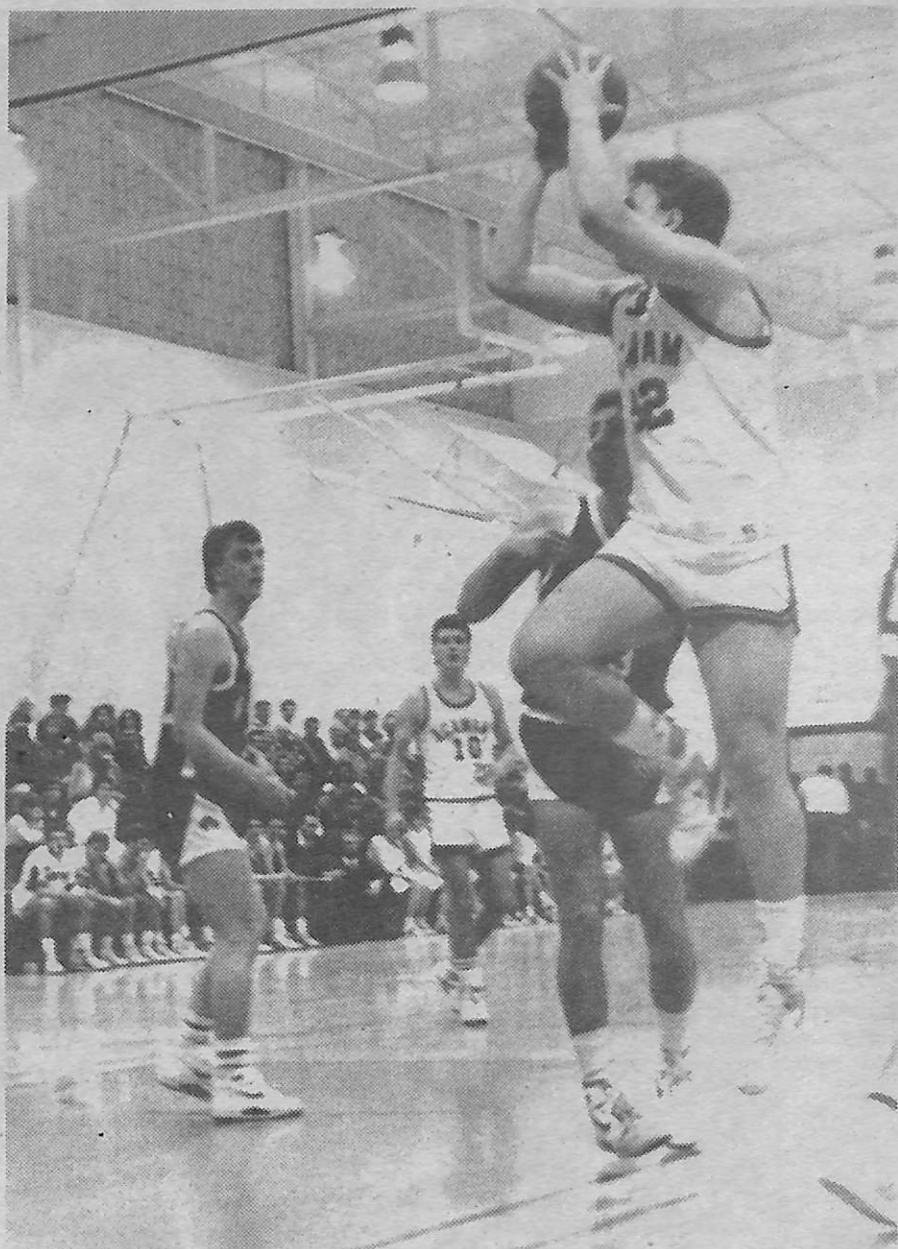
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AHS Hoopsters Just Miss Div. I Tourney



AGAWAM HIGH SENIOR Erich Fogg (44) goes high for a rebound against two West Springfield forwards as Matt Gibby (52) looks on; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Gibby goes up for a shot as senior John Serra (10) moves into position for a possible rebound. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Agawam Little League Forms Senior Division For 13-15 Yrs.

Agawam Little League has formed a Senior Division for youths 13-15 years-old. There has been a great turnout at this year's sign-ups, but more youths in this age group are needed.

Baseball isn't over after Majors in Agawam Little League. Stay in practice and be ready for the high school teams.

If anyone is interested in playing Agawam Little League "Seniors Division," contact Jim Flood, president, 786-2091, or Al Demastre, organizer, 786-0356, any evening or weekend.



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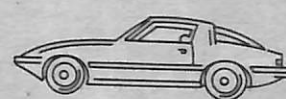
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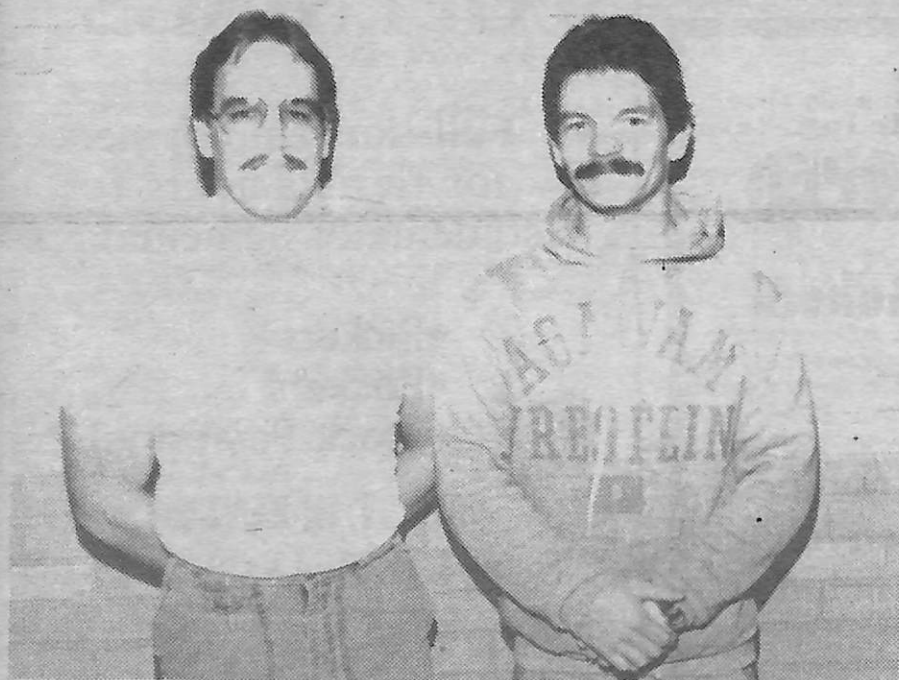
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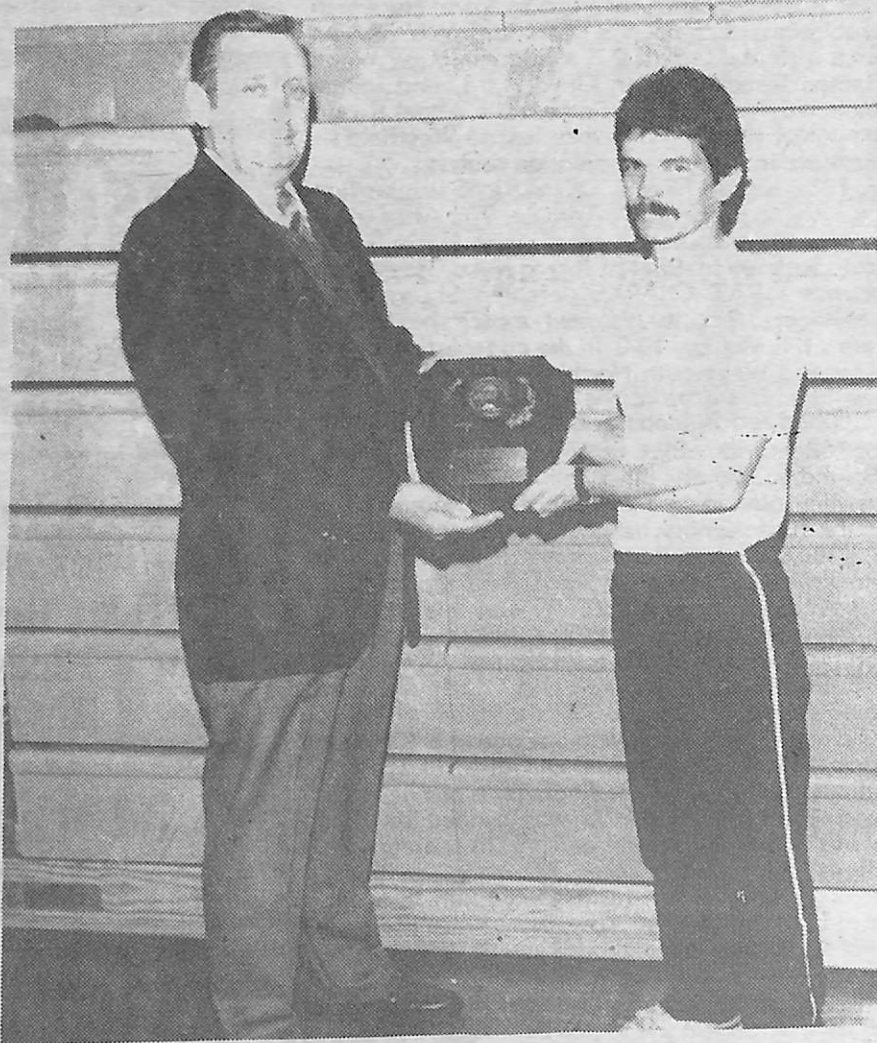
AHS MatMen Revel In 3rd Staight WMass Crown



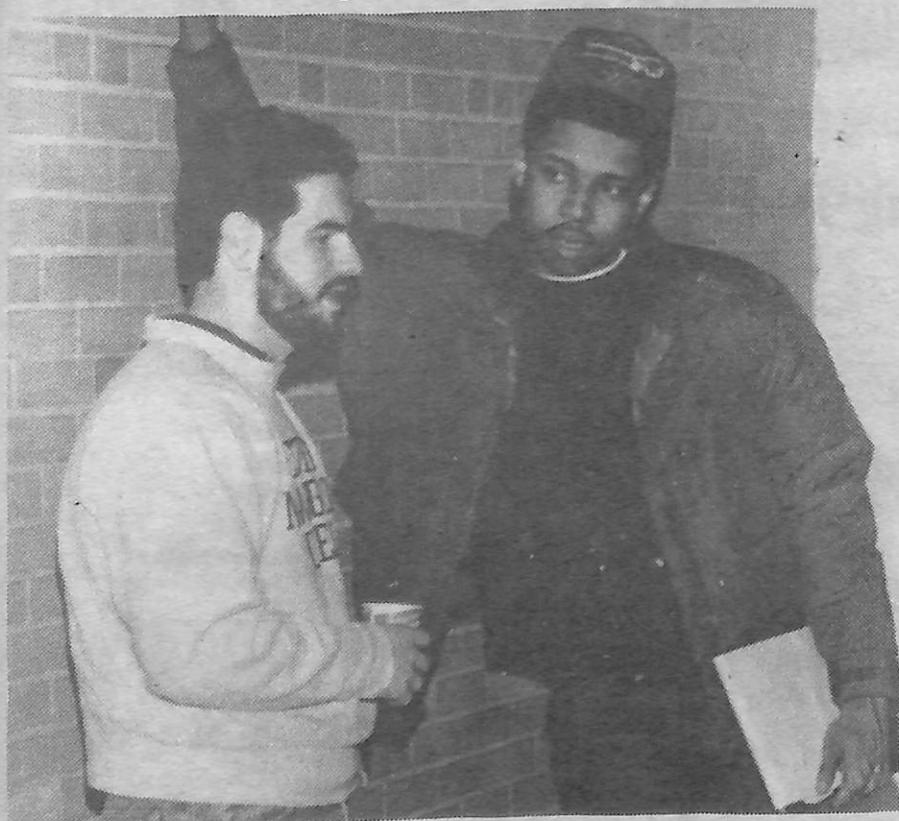
AGAWAM HIGH VARSITY wrestlers just before workout for last weekend's State Tournament. At left is head coach Phil Tomkiel, and at right is assistant coach Gary Geiger. The Brownies won their third straight Western Mass. title two weeks ago. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PROUD AS PEACOCKS - varsity wrestling coaches Gary Geiger (left) and Phil Tomkiel (right). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH PRINCIPAL JOHN MORRISSEY holds the Western Mass. Division I title plaque with coach Phil Tomkiel. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ADVERTISER NEWS SPORTS WRITER Scott Miller (right) chats with Demtrious Panteleakis, assistant Cathedral High wrestling coach, while the Brownies prepared for the State Tournament last weekend. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Brownies Place 7th At State Mat Meet

by Scott Miller
Advertiser News Staff

An illness and an injury turned out to be the difference between serious contention to repeat as state champs and the seventh place finish that was to be for the Agawam High wrestlers at the Division I Wrestling Championships at Reading High, Friday and Saturday, February 24th and 25th.

103-pounder Chris Corriveau's case of flu and Jeff Retzler's knee problems in the first round of competition changed the Brownies 1989 destiny.

The locals came into this prestigious tournament as the defending State Division I Champs, the school's first-ever on the mats.

"If we didn't have the injuries and if we had wrestled to our capabilities, we would have been right there in the end," sighed coach Phil Tomkiel, who, just a week earlier, had led the Brownies to their third straight Division I Western Mass. title.

Agawam's big guns, junior Bill Berte and senior Rich DiLullo, both Western Mass. champs, left big marks on the rest of the state competition. DiLullo made it all the way to the finals in the 189-pound class by two decisions and a pin. He was stopped by Paul Fitzpatrick in 1:35 in the finals.

Berte finished third by winning four of his five matches, all by pins.

The following is an account of how the Brownies finished in the tournament:

103 pounds - CHRIS CORRIVEAU lost to Matt Holt, 15-1 in the first round, then was pinned by Lowell's Rath Chun in 3:34; 119-pounds - DAN FELIX was pinned by Joe Russell in 2:52, then lost to Jason Nugent in the consolation; 125-pounds - CHARLIE WEBER won his match with Mel Harris, 9-7. In second round match he defeated Reading's Ron Lloyd, 11-8, and in the semifinals was defeated by Cathedral's Angel Rivera by a technical fall, 17-1. He then lost to Westfield's Matt Roskosz in his first consolation match.

Also, 135 pounds - FRANK DEMARINIS lost his first round match to Burlington's Tom Le, 9-7. After winning his opening consolation match with Jessie Biddle of Lincoln Sudbury in 4:54, he lost to Mike Grover, 6-4; 140 pounds - PAT CLARKE defeated Shawsheen's Steve Phillipon, 9-5. In his next match he lost to Brockton's Bill McCoy, 10-0. In the consolation round, Clarke topped Weymouth North's Joe Mackin, 3-0 in overtime after a 4-4 tie at the end of regulation. He then stopped Jeff Bildeau of Chelmsford, 5-4.

Also, 152 pounds - BILL BERTE pinned Stoughton's Scott Boland in 2:56 and Billerica's Mike Curtis in 1:35. He was then pinned by Dave Mills of Chelmsford in 2:55. In the consolation, he took Chris Hutt to the canvas in 1:18, and then Berte pinned Kevin Merritt of Bridgeton in 1:26 to take third place in the tournament.

171 pounds - JEFF RETZLER won his opening match, 14-4 over Haverford's Fred Whittier, but then forfeited his next match due to his injury.

189-pounds - RICH DILULLO decisioned Burlington's Jason Young, 8-4 in the opening round. He then pinned Needham's Matt LaCoco in 5:40. In the semifinals, DiLullo decisioned Paul Gates, 11-10, then lost to Paul Fitzpatrick in the finals on a pin at 1:35.

Heavyweight - KEN BLEWS was pinned by John Mercer in the opening round at 1:40. In the consolation Blews lost to Gary George, 4-0.

Corriveau's case of the flu rendered him relatively unable to compete. But because these were the state championships, he gamely persevered only to lose both matches.

Retzler tore ligaments in his knee in the first match but still went on to win the match before forfeiting the next round.

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**Sportsman's
Corner**
by Bill Chiba
Outdoor Sports Writer

A Trouting We Will Go

As this winter winds down, more and more people are thinking trout.

The district managers are thinking trout and readying their equipment for stocking. Chief honcho Dave Fredenburg, who heads the F&W Hatchery Department, reports that this has been an excellent year for raising trout. The fish will be quality instead of quantity this year. Larger fish will be stocked, but fewer fish will go into trout waters.

We are lucky to get the amount of fish planned to go out with the economic crunch put on the Division by the politicians.

Last year's total production was 639,000 trout of all sizes. This year the guess is an inventory of 612,000, stated by Pete Oatis, assistant director of Fisheries Department.

However, these figures are always given at the first part of the year with "tongue in cheek." The figure is mostly above the estimate.

Included in the total 612,000 trout are 313,000 fish in the 12-plus category. Last year, the amount was 208,000. This year more big browns will be stocked. The total will be increased to 83,000 from a previous high of 30,000 last year. The 12-plus fish also include 212,000 rainbows and 18,000 brookies.

Breaking down the 612,000 total, 141,000 are six-to-nine-inch fish which will be deposited in the streams and brooks; 158,000 are in the nine-to-12-inch class; and the 12-plus number 313,900.

The six-to-nine class includes 30,000 rainbows, 7,000 brookies, and 104,000 browns; the nine-to-twelve boasts 22,000 rainbows and 136,000 brookies.

The stocking schedule worked out by the powers to be is as follows: Northeast gets 132,050 trout in which 79,550 are biggies, 37,000 nine-plus, and 15,500 six

and up.

The Southeast is putting out 116,500, including 55,000 large trout, 20,000 nine-to-twelves, and 41,500 six and up to nines.

The Central district's total of 123,450 divides up to 59,950 large, 34,500 nine-to-twelve, and 29,000 six-to-nine...

Valley district—109,000 total, with a breakdown of 51,000, 32,500, and 25,000.

The Western district comes almost up to the total of the Northeast but takes a licking in the breakdown—130,550 total with a division of 66,550 of the large fish; 34,000 of the nine-to-twelves; 30,000 of the six-to-nine babies.

The big problem facing the Division is distribution of the trout. It usually is handled by hired help outside of the regulars in the Division. The budget cutbacks are a problem.

The fishing of Quabbin is to become a rich man's paradise if the new rates proposed by the Michael Dukakis Administration are put into effect.

The Office of the Administration and Finance appears to be stocked with anti-fishermen and anti-hunters.

Point in Question: The proposed fees for handgun owners that was retracted after the uproar from gun owners. The fishermen will have to follow the strategy of the aroused pistol men.

The new rates proposed are as follows: boat & motor rental, \$50 per day plus \$10 for parking your car; private boats, \$10 per day (per person), plus \$10 for parking your car.

If you go up to enjoy a day's fishing with two buddies, the MDC is going to collect \$40 from your car. This is outrageous.

All fishermen better get off the stick and contact their state reps and senators, as well as the Executive Office of Administration and Finance. The telephone numbers for the EOA are 1-617-727-2040 or 1-617-727-2081. Ask for CAMERON HUFF.

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TEAM MEMBERS OF NOTRE DAME, Tri-Parish Bowling League. From left - Bob Pickett, Esther DePalo, Cheryl Przeszlo, and captain John Rescigno. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TEAM MEMBERS OF Loyola, the second place team in Round Three of the Tri-Parish Bowling League. From left - Kim Viens, Chris Stepanian, John Mlinek, and captain Steve Rovithis. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

St. Louis Making Big Comeback In Tri-Parish Bowl

After two weeks of rolling in Round Three of the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League, 1987-88 Grand Champions, St. Louis, finally seem to have recovered after disastrous pinfalls in both Round One and Two of the 1988-89 campaign.

St. Lou, behind an enormous 385 from captain LOU MULDREW, blasted St. Michael (10th place-3 wins), four wins to none. St. Lou holds first place with 7 wins, with Loyola (2nd place-7 wins) right on its trail.

Before we get to Muldrew, the other St. Lou winner was lead-off VENETTA SNYDER (250). Second St. Lou roller RICK KOZAK fell to ED SCHULTSKI, 299-280.

So this set the stage for Muldrew's night to remember. He soundly thrashed the league's top roller, STU "The Mad Stork" STORK by 55 pins (Storkie had a 330-average of 115.15). Storkie was stunned at the torrid rolling displayed by Muldrew, who has been on a hot streak in recent weeks. In breaking the high water mark for the Men's Class AAA Division (previously held by STEVE ROVITHIS-383), Muldrew also raised his average to 108.24, second to none other than AL "The Fearsome One" MOCCIO of Georgetown (108.26).

Loyola stayed hot in wiping-out Catholic University (5th place-4 wins), four wins to none. CU began Round Three with four wins but really fell apart vs. the Loyola onslaught.

Loyola winners were substitute KIM ALLEN (262) and captain STEVE ROVITHIS (363). Rovithis really smothered and smeared CU captain JIM SNYDER (284), which proved to be the key to this match. CU winners were CAROLINE COELLN (280) and KATHY

BURLINGHAM (a sound 318).

Third place St. Anselm's (5 wins) found last place St. Mary (1 win) to be easy pickings, four wins to none. St. A's winners were substitute ZEKE SICORD, who could do no wrong with a wicked 340; JEAN BUONICONTI, 286; and substitute FRED MORASSI, 293. In the battle of the captains, St. A's captain TONY "I shouldn't be a captain" KOZAK defeated JOHN PROVOST in a fine match, 339-325. This was a big upset because Provost is the league's third best roller with a 109.8 average and Kozak throws 'em at a 96.32 clip.

Fourth place Notre Dame (5 wins) split with 9th place Boston College (3 wins), two wins each.

ND winners were BOB PICKETT (298), CHERYL PRZESZLO (274), and ESTHER DEPALO (297). The only BC winner was captain JOHN "The Hammer" O'CONNELL. O'Connell soundly whipped ND captain JOHN RESCIGNO, 350-279, and this really salvaged the split for BC, a team that is constantly labeled as "disappointing" in this space each week.

Villanova (8th place-4 wins), a floundering team for most of the season, took three wins from Fordham (6th place-4 wins) in a bit of an upset. Villanova winners were PAUL LAGODITZ (310), one of the key matches of the night) and that was it. Lagoditz defeated his opponent, SANDY PRZESZLO (269) by 41 pins.

Fordham winners were JOE RESCIGNO (289), JOHN REILLY (287), and rising captain ANN O'CONNELL (324). Ann just nipped Villanova substitute captain "Luscious and Lovable" LOU MASSOIA (322). We want our readers to know that Massoia suggested these names, not us.

In the final match of the night, Round One and Round Two winner, Georgetown (7th place-4 wins), bounced back with three victories after a terrible opening week of Round Three. On the receiving end of G-Town's resurgence was lowly, 11th place Holy Cross (1 win).

G-Town winners were CINDY KOZAK (305-big lead-off score), VI MASSOIA (300-299 over steady BLANCHE SODEN), and captain AL "The Fearsome One" MOCCIO (350). Moccio growled and scowled at HC captain LARRY VIENS, who fumbled and bumbled with a 278. Moccio is attempting to hold-off the serious run by Lou Muldrew for the top dog's spot in Men's Class AAA rolling. Viens still leads the Men's Class AA with an average of 104.21.

The only HC winner of the night was STEP STEPANIAN (306-283 over "Jungle" JIM BURLINGHAM).

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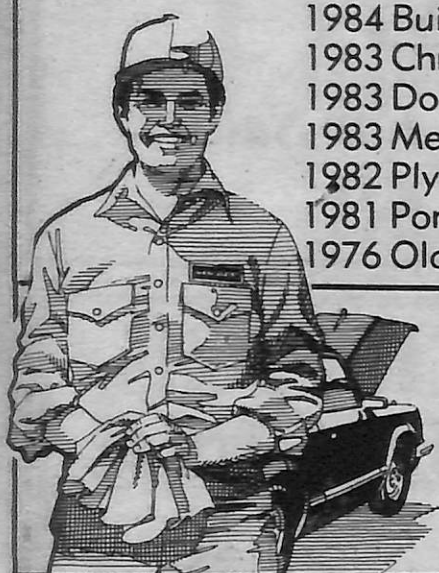
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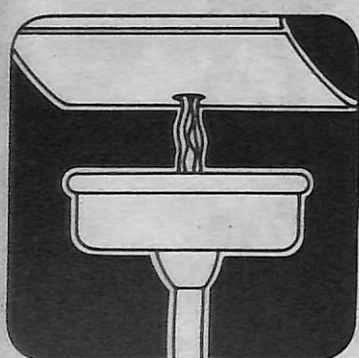
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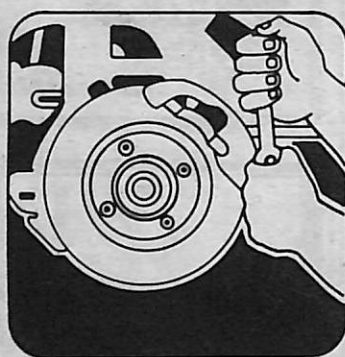


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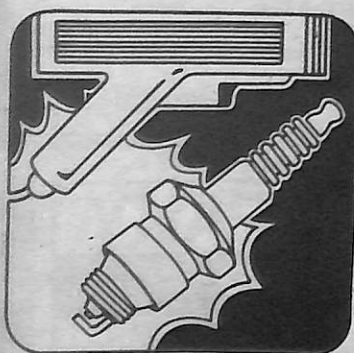
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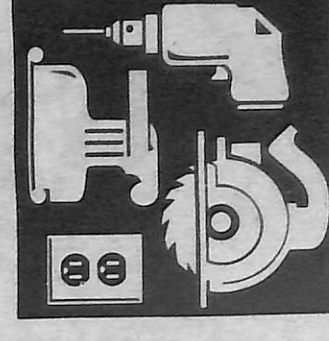
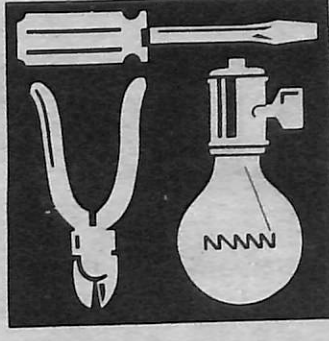
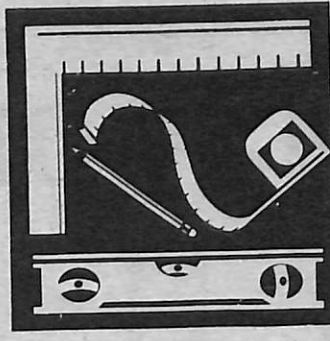
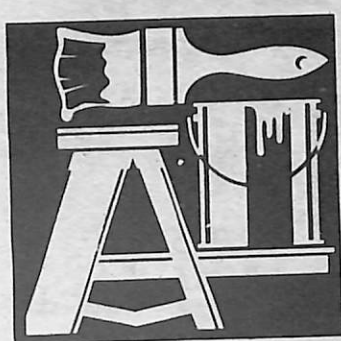
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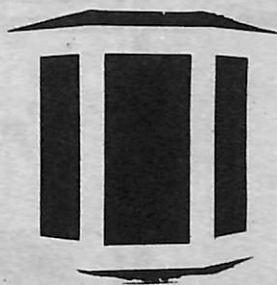
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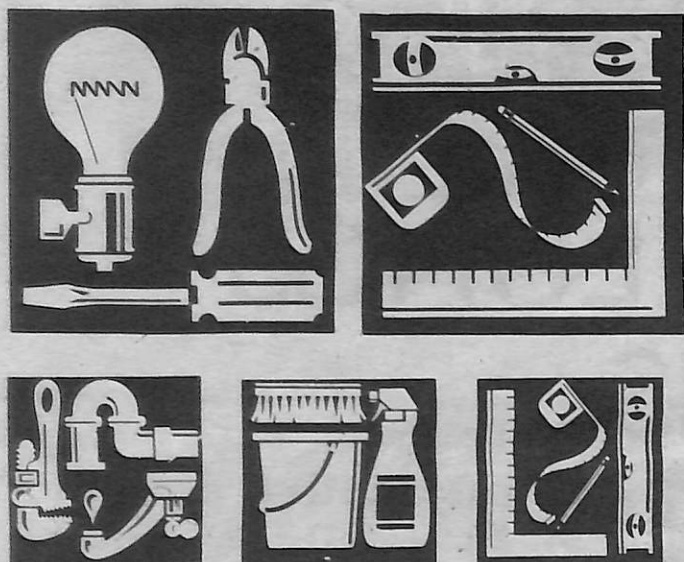
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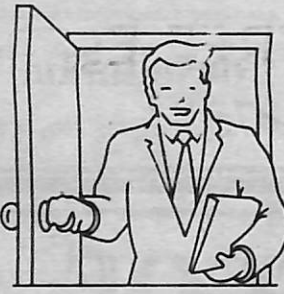


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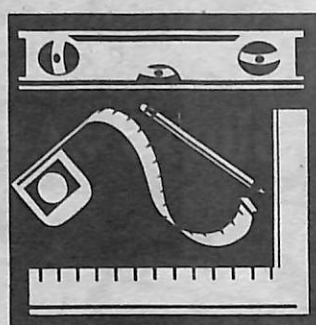
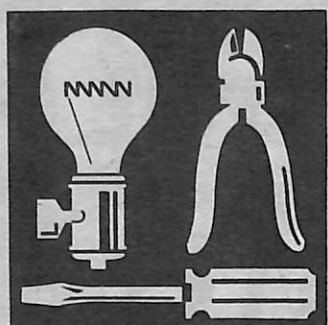
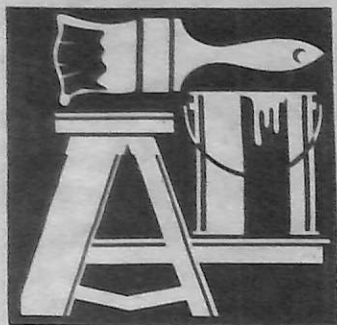
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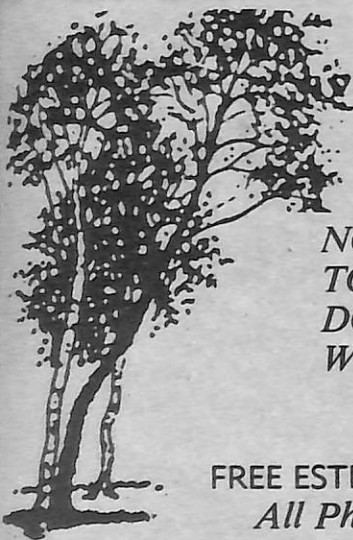
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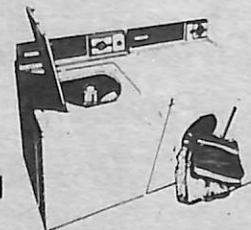
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